

Prairieland Talk

# 'Six Days Shalt Thou Work'

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LINCOLN — Union labor groups would take another day off each week with no corresponding reduction in pay. They now have a five-day work period and propose a four-day week.

The first known record of a working period comes to us from the Garden of Eden, six days in which a lot was done. And from the same source comes the injunction, "Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work," but hang up the shovel and the hoe and rest the seventh day. The demand for another day on which to loaf, leisure they call it, has an appeal.

Out of the burying grounds of nations in past centuries comes the tragic story of "fulness of bread and abundance of idleness." Babylon, Persia, Greece, each in their turn empress of the world, passed away when idleness, leisure to linger at the arena and watch the gladiators or ravenous beasts pounce upon human victims, while industry and agriculture languished.

While the wealth of plundered lands lasted, the Babylonians, the Medes, the Persians, the Greeks, the Romans could play. That being exhausted, then away to the graveyard of nations. And here come our toil-worn labor union patriots requesting three days each week instead of two to whoop and shout at the football arena!

Lincoln city law makers have added to the code a license fee of \$5 a head on all horses kept in town. A license tag on your coatall has not yet been voted in.

According to a story that comes out of Gordon, promoters in towns up that way plan to post signs or markers designating places of historical interest across northwest and north Nebraska. Gordon claims that community had been the home of "Old Jules," the dominant character in the book written by a daughter of that pioneer tree planter. The town of Niobrara could also claim Jules as a resident, and O'Neill knew him as an occasional visitor in the days of rivalry over which should have the U.S. land office. The story from Gordon also has it that Bassett was "the hanging point of Doc Middleton." Middleton was not hung but died the death of an alcoholic on a jail cell in a Wyoming town. Kid Wade of Holt county was hung from a whistling post at Bassett.

He was dipping good Nebraska black dirt from a wheelbarrow with a shovel, filling in depressions where shrubs had been taken out. Another nearby was doing the same. This on the campus of an educational institution maintained by one of the world's numerous church groups. These two young men were students in the college and worked to meet the cost involved in obtaining an education. Many others in the school do the same, a farm and various industries being operated for that purpose. Students in such an institution know what they are there for and will make the most of it.

Governors from seven states from Wyoming to Indiana, notables of Washington, D.C., one or two from outer fringes, numbering 15 in all, gathered at Des Moines, Iowa's state capital, recently—ostensibly to discuss, formulate, invent plans and specification, footings and foundations for relieving the financial stringency said to be now troubling the farm folk. Anyway, the honored guests had a happy confab and a good Iowa feed.

## Editorial Pay-As-You-See May Be Answer

Without a doubt, one of the fundamental and historic decisions of the next few years will be that of the federal communications commission regarding pay television. It might not be inaccurate to say that this decision, a first indication being expected from the FCC this fall, will be one of the most important national policy decisions of the era.

As the reader may know, pay television has its proponents and opponents. Generally speaking, the television networks and the movie theater owners, plus a host of others, are opposed to pay television. On the other hand, the three pay television companies, and Hollywood—and one of the major studios owns the majority stock in one of the pay television companies—are in favor of pay television.

Experiments have been tried in Chicago, Ill., by Zenith and in California by Telemeter to see if the people who were offered pay television on an experimental basis would like to have it on a permanent basis. Polls among users in these areas have shown that a majority of the people like pay television—or what they have seen as samples supplied by the pay television companies—which was, understandably, carefully selected.

Opponents of pay television argue that the airwaves must be free and that commercial enterprises must not be given permission to sell via the airwaves by the federal communications commission. They point out that radio is not used in this fashion, and that all radio entertainment is free. Proponents of pay television claim that the radio is used by commercial organizations, and that they have just as much right to offer Americans fare over the airwaves as do television networks.

It seems, however, there is an increasing chance that pay television will be tried in the United States. Some of the pay television companies are already going to Canada, Mexico and into European countries to set up their organization and demonstrate how it can work.

A final decision may not be reached for several years.

The British Isles have had pay radio and pay television over the years by way of taxing receiving sets. Currently commercial announcements are being used to ease the tremendous costs there.

There is an appetite in north-central Nebraska for consistently good television reception. Perhaps someone one day will come forward with a means of satisfactory reception—for which quite a few of our residents would pay a premium to enjoy. Pay-as-you-see TV may be the only solution to the reception problem in areas far removed from the city transmitters.

### Why Whitewash?

The Omaha World-Herald is a fine family journal and one of the great American dailies. Occasionally, however, we do not understand its policies. Currently, why the constant whitewash of J. William Glassford as head football coach at the University of Nebraska?

After Nebraska has won a couple of games, the W-H gets enthusiastic and calls for an anti-Glassford meeting in a Hotel Fontenelle phone

In the autumn of 1902 Jess Mellor became a partner in the livery firm of Mellor & Quilly. . . A delegation representing the Third supervisor district, consisting of four members of the populist party, met at the courthouse and selected O. F. Biglin as their party candidate for supervisor. Mr. Biglin was endorsed by the democrats and elected by the voters. . . J. P. Gallagher moved his stock of merchandise to the building lately vacated by Jake Pfund at the corner of Everett and Fourth streets. . . A telegram from Park City, Utah, announced the death of James Coffey, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Coffey of the O'Neill community. . . Miss Sadie Skirving and Miss Marie McMillian were Omaha visitors, as also were Mrs. R. J. Marsh and her mother, Mrs. William Menish.

That Princeton, N.J., polster has it that next year's presidential election would result in a 5-to-3 vote for Chief Justice Warren for president over Governor Harriman of New York—assuming that Warren will be the republican nominee and Harriman head the democrats.

Among the feathered fowl of the air and the crested water birds at the city zoo where such creatures may be seen, a special attraction at present are three penguins from South pole regions. There were four of them, two "couples," but they do not survive long when taken away from their native iceland and one died. Looking at them you get a lesson in standing erect. They stand straight, motionless as a post, then spread little stubby wings that seem to be useless other than as a sort of balance wheel much as we humans stretch an arm and yawn. Then the penguin lies down to rest. Monkeys are forever an attraction at this same zoo, a special feature on "monkey day" being one or more of the little rascals seated at a table taking their dinner.

The 13-year-old came toward me on a bicycle. He stopped, dismounted, then greeted me with a question, "Can I help you carry your things to where you want to go?" My "things" were a small package in each hand. He was assured that his concern for the welfare of others in this day of "delinquency" was highly commendable but I was able to proceed on my way without assistance, so both went our separate ways. Probably one of those Path Finders or Boy Scouts desiring to mark up a good deed for the day.

The Sante Fe New Mexican carries at its masthead this quotation from Emerson: "We are of different opinions at different hours but we always may be said at heart on the side of truth."

One quart of milk 22c, one tomato 11c, one loaf of bread 31c, one pound roast 45c, 10 pounds potatoes 53c—all products of the farm. What is this we are hearing about boosting prices of farm products? If they could know about present prices, those pioneers of the Bohemian settlement along Dry creek who sold potatoes to Mike Sullivan and John Mann for 11c a bushel would probably want to come out of their graves to grow potatoes and milk cows.

October 25-26 down at Broken Bow, a public sale was held that would remind any around O'Neill who has survived the wreck of time of the days in the long ago when herds of wild horses were corralled at Ward's barn, little brown broncs roped and sold to bidders sitting on the fence. The stock and equipment of a rodeo outfit, including 100 bucking horses and 30 Brahmas, was offered at the sale at Broken Bow.

booth. The W-H tells us J. William tutored championship teams in the Yankee conference (who ever heard of it?) Lack of N.U. material is becoming continually, yet the great family journal never bothers to fill us in on the purges performed by Glassford.

The mashed potato king, Gregg ("Everything's Rosy") McBride, in Monday's issue of the W-H gave Nebraska opposition the big buildup. He lauded current editions of the Ohio State Buckeyes, Texas A&M Horned Frogs and Pitt Panthers. But he failed to mention that the Missouri Tigers (who were knocked off 18-12 by the Cornhuskers last week) are limping along on the poorest record since Coach Don Farout has been at the Tiger helm, and he (McBride) took care not to mention in the same column how the University of Hawaii has been faring since humiliating the Huskers in the opener. (It could be Hawaiian statistics aren't available—that's how they rate!)

Mr. McBride, who pounds out reams of Husker grid copy before, during and after each season, carefully organizes his prognostications and comments in order that at any given point during the season he can say: "I told you so!"

What he doesn't fill us in on is why no drinking water or stretchers on the field for the Huskers during the Hawaii game? (He passed along the word there were no benches, but that was obvious to everybody in the stands.)

If the W-H were to call a phone booth anti-Glassford meeting today, we'll guess the response would break Memorial stadium attendance records.

The street-widening project within the city and the resurfacing job between the West O'Neill corner and the O'Neill Drive-In theater have been completed. Traffic once again is flowing through the city without the disorderly detours and construction inconveniences.

The October snowfall was a surprise to a great many. A thirtyish guest in the area, hailing from San Diego, Calif., explained it was the first snow she'd ever seen.

## THE FRONTIER

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### O'Neill Publisher Heads Interstate Group

New officers of the Interstate Editorial Association, elected at the annual convention in Sioux City, are (left-to-right): W. S. Gibson of the Vermillion (S.D.) Plain Talk, secretary; G. W. Hubin of the Buffalo Lake (Minn.) News, vice-president; Carroll ("Cal") Stewart of the O'Neill Frontier, president; Robert E. Lyons of the Schleswig (Ia.) Leader, treasurer, and W. E. Barnes of the Sleepy Eye (Minn.) Herald-Dispatch, director. This was the 34th annual meeting of the group which is comprised of publishers in South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska.—Photo courtesy the Sioux City Journal-Tribune Publications.

### News, Views and Gossip

By THE EDITOR

(The following article, appearing in last week's Hooligans column of the Blair Pilot-Tribune, may tickle your funnybone as it did ours. The author is Reed O'Hanlon, Jr., who manufactures this type of reading each week. O'Hanlon's output should be syndicated and we offer the diet yarn below as representative of rare Irish humor.)

#### O'Hanlon's Diet

When a man who weighed 135 pounds the day of his marriage finally pushes the wheels around to 174, then it's time for the diet all men must endure at least once.

So said our wife last Thursday. We protested vainly that we were a child bridegroom, which accounted for the 135 pounds, and added that most of our friends weigh 200 to 225 pounds, often more.

"Most of your friends do not operate on a chassis built to sustain a 140-pound maximum," she replied, handing us a "voluntary" calorie diet chart. "You must grow UP when gaining weight—not OUT. So, until you lose some of that bay window, sit down and make out a voluntary daily menu of 1,200 calories."

"Why, why," we sputtered, "the whole thing's not equal to a T-bone with American fried potatoes. And what about schnapps?"

"I disapprove of schnapps in all its ugly forms, but you will note it is listed at 80 calories per schnapp," she went on.

It was a bitter day, but we did what we could. This is the diet we composed for Day No. 1, taking full note that there MUST be a fresh fruit; meat, fish or egg; and three vegetables:

Breakfast:	Calories
1 orange	70
Boiled egg	85
Lunch:	
2 radishes	4
2 leaves lettuce	5
2 stalks celery	5
Brook trout	50
Supper:	
2 portions round steak	460
6.51 schnapps	521
Total	1,200

Mrs. O'Hanlon smiled sweetly as she scanned breakfast and lunch, while we meanwhile hummed happily in anticipation of supper—but her face clouded up like a February sky when she came to the supper meal.

Next thing we knew we had a change of menu—her Hitler-like version of our voluntary diet. It included such goodies as lima beans at 100 calories per half-cup, heavenly rutabagas at 60 calories per cup, boiled scallops at 125 calories per cup (up), six-inch bananas at 100 per force-down.

We must have become pretty obstinate along about then. Details are vague, but we do know the diet we ended up with looked more like our Irish version than her Swedish one. If threatened with 600 pounds avoirdupois, brain fever, flat feet, bad heart, crossed eyes and dandruff, we

would never, never taint our tonsils with rutabagas and spinach.

And the old motto, "Lips that touch eggplant shall never touch mine," waves on from the clan banner unsullied.

We may give an inch in our waistline, but never a mile in our beliefs—and we still say, "Let the cows eat the vegetables and then we'll eat the cows."

One thing which must be admitted, though—a daily intake of 1,200 calories for a person accustomed to 3,500 is beginning to tell. Our clothes hang like old rags, and we contemplate hiring out as Ichabod Crane for the Halloween festivities.

Ought to scare hades out of all the kids!

#### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

WD—Joe Heeb to Charles E. Chace 9-1-54 \$2000—Lot 8 Blk 2-Tuller & McNichols Add-Atkinson

WD—Charles E. Chace to Mary K. Mullen 10-20-55 \$2000—Lot 8 Blk 2-Tuller & McNichols Add-Atk

WD—Ray F. David to F. T. Engelhaupt & wf 9-27-55 \$1200—Lots 2 & 3 Blk 6—Western Townsite Co 1st Add-Imman

WD—John Raubach to Robert L. Pruden & wf 10-13-55 \$1350—Lot 11 Blk 10—Kimball & Blairs Add-Ewing

WD—Frank LeMunyan to Ray LeMunyan 10-17-55 \$1-S 1/2 21-29-15 Grantor reserves a life estate

WD—Frank LeMunyan to Robert LeMunyan 10-17-55 \$1-NE 1/4 8-W 1/2 NW 1/4 4-28-15 Grantor reserves a life estate

When You and I Were Young . . .

### Start on New Hotel Delayed 'Til Spring

Harrington Exhibits Ducks; No Comment

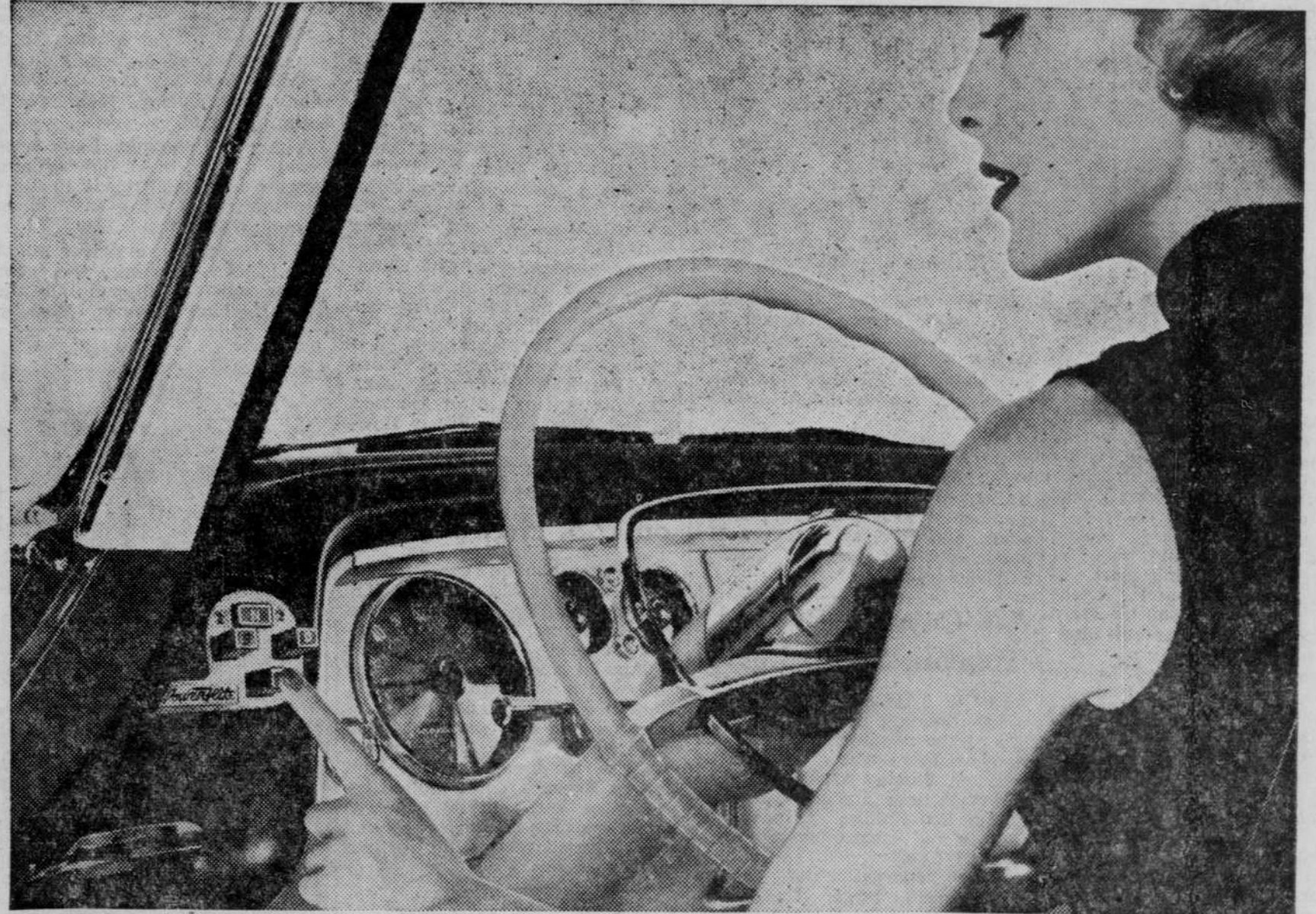
#### 50 Years Ago

O'Neill's new hotel will not be built until next spring. Mr. Hall has not been able to secure a contractor to put up the building. . . Judge O. E. Davidson died of blood poisoning resulting from scraping a piece of skin from one of his legs. . . O'Neill defeated Neligh in an 11-man football game played here. Neligh players outweighed their opponents 10 pounds per man, but O'Neill pushed across a score in the last half, making the score 5-0. . . J. P. Connelly of Omaha was in the city looking over the town with the view of putting in an electric light plant. . . Blind Boone, the marvelous piano player, will perform at the opera house. . . A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. D. Long of Knoxville. . . Mike Har-

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Ernie White. . . Gerald Harding and Helen V. Borg, both of O'Neill, obtained a marriage license.

#### One Year Ago

Gary Holly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Holly, was taken to St. Anthony's hospital following a hunting accident. A .22 calibre rifle bullet passed through his leg, missing the bone. . . Burglars broke into three business places in Stuart and one in Chambers. . . The Chamber of Commerce once again is helping in arrangements for a Halloween party for O'Neill kids. . . Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Carpenter of Omaha were here for the purpose of picking up calves which had been donated by different ranchers to the Masonic home. They will be used in 4-H work. . . Margaret Kruse was crowned queen at the Lynch homecoming. . . Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Hammerberg moved to their new home in Atkinson. The Hammerbergs have spent the 40 years of their married life in the Celia neighborhood.

Miss Tina Kazor spent October 15-16 visiting relatives north of O'Neill and at Spencer.

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