

Prairieland Talk

# Foreign Relations May Be Issue

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LINCOLN—The great game of American politics has begun to smolder. The democrats are in control of the national law-making body. That is not enough, they want it all. Half a loaf never satisfied a politician.

What the war cry will be heading into a national election next year is yet to be sounded, though rumblings so far indicate the bombardment will be directed at the administration's foreign relations policy. Following three disastrous wars within a generation under the Wilson-Roosevelt-Truman administrations that brought death and desolation to a million American homes, the bugle call to arms has now been stilled and we are at peace, our military forces guarding that peace.



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Politics breeds more or less partisan hogwash, and that is the Yankee privilege. Out of this hog wash the GOP is crowned with the ignominy of sponsoring "big business." Maybe so. No big business means no little business. When big business closed the factory doors, as conditions forced it to do in the 1890's and 1930's, bread lines and soup kitchens and the tramp of armies of the unemployed sounded the doleful cadence of tough times. Big business and little business, from railroading to shoe cobbling, seem to be doing very well while a democratic congress and republican chief executive's supporters exchange partisan hog wash thrusts.

Jack Gilman down there by Amelia rolled out to the Scottsbluff country and came home with a load of spuds. Are they becoming so high-toned down there where the artesian wells flow that was the home of the late Rhody Adams that they will no more stoop to plant a potato? And where could you grow better ones!

The marriage of Kittie Bright to Harvey Stocking took place at the home of the bride's father, C. L. Bright, November 25, 1902. This is the way brides and bridegrooms were editorially treated in those days: "The bride is a young lady of amiable ways and charming personality and has always been a favorite among her companions. The bridegroom is a traveling representative of the Hanford Produce Co. of Sioux City, has made O'Neill his headquarters the past five years. He is an energetic and capable young man and has many friends here." . . . Duane Sammon and Mamie Pierce, both of Amelia, were married by County Judge Morgan. . . . "Will Build to the Coast" was a headline at the top of a story pertaining to a railroad that had and still has a depot in O'Neill. . . . Phillip Winegartner of Racine, Wisc., was in the city visiting his brother, George, and sister, Mrs. Cress. . . . The Frontier editor was of the opinion that there was a good thing financially for the one who would start an electric light plant in O'Neill."

A graying beard protruding from the grime of days unwashed, clothing soiled and badly worn, head bowed and halting stride as he walks away from the hovel he now regards as a dwelling place and heads uptown to the corner drug store, extracts a nickel from his ample store, lays it down and walks out with a copy of the morning paper. Informed on world events, unsociable and may respond with a grunt without looking up when greeted by a passerby. One of those misfits of human society that neither wills nor wishes to be different, a wreckage from the pangs of unrequited love of a long dead youthful romance. It affects a few guys that way, while most fellows snap out of it and soon are ensnared by a more serious affair

If there should be some troubled soul upon time's highway, some burdened fellow creature that life has dealt a crushing blow that I meet upon the way today and he knows not where to go, a stranger, man or child, I chance to meet, maybe some word of mine, an outstretched hand or just a smile will help to lift that crushing load.

The noncoms out at the air base have a club. Some gent felt they over-stocked with non-essentials in the air service, broke in and made a haul of twelve hundred dollars worth of cigarettes, cigars, candy and gum.

Flashing a gleaming white background through a bank window and on that white background an artist's brush had traced in bold letters: "Everybody Come." A church group was having an event climaxed by a supper. A social function, a place to meet and mingle with unworried ladies and gents for an evening of fellowship. Or is that it? I see at the bottom of that gleaming white square of cardboard: "Admission: Children 75c, adults \$1.25." That's it—a commercial enterprise. Money needed for the pastor's salary. They are paid salaries now. In the long ago in O'Neill a gentleman of the cloth got the few nickels and dimes gathered once a week on the collection plate. Harking back across the centuries the Hebrew temple service and those who ministered therein were supported by the tithes brought in by the people. That system continues today by the descendants of the ancients and the clergy of at least one Christian church group lives in moderate luxury out of one-tenth of the earnings of the members of their flocks.

The drop in prices of fat cattle hits the feeders, some of whom now ask for Uncle Sam to do something for them. Others take their losses as part of the game they are in. Livestock and grain prices, wages and salaries and everything with money value attached is still too high. Prices must eventually drop to a lower level and as usual it begins with agricultural interests. However, a recent visit with a real son of the soil and a look at the countryside out where things grow and herds roam, one arrives at the conclusion that our farming interests still function on a sound basis. And when a rancher from Alberta, Canada, comes down here and puts up \$3,100 for a Nebraska bred bull, as was done at the Hereford sale at Broken Bow last week, it indicates there is still faith in the future of the cattle industry.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Adams are glad to learn that they have returned to Holt county, their wanderings over. Leo is a native son, knows the banking business and now is connected with the Atkinson bank.

The north wind means across the land, rattling at door and window. Morning glory and aster bloom no more and dead leaves drift with the wind. Robin and thrush and yellow-plum canary are gone and we miss their song. White clouds drift across the ethereal blue, lights and shadows play upon nature's frost bitten scene and our step is quickened as we hasten along, then meet a little miss in coat and hood and muff on her way to school. We pause for a moment in the wind to exchange greetings and she looks up at granddad with a smile—my own charming little granddaughter. And there it seems is where "mercy and truth are met together, and righteousness and peace have kissed each other." The wind moans, cars rush along and man and child go on their way as the gales from out the Arctic regions sweep the continent.

The ladies, having exhausted native modes, now turn to the Orient and the ultra do for flowing tresses is the Chinese que. If the three-dollar hair cut proposed by some union barbers becomes general, men may soon be seen with braided hair hanging down over manly shoulders.

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When You and I Were Young . . .

### Deaver Raps City for Being 'Dark'

### Bad Impression for New Arrivals

**50 Years Ago**  
Farmers adjacent to O'Neill are making considerable improvements on their farms in the way of building. The O'Neill lumber yards are kept pretty busy loading farmers' wagons with lumber. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roy Townsend are the parents of a son. Roy says he is going to make him general manager of the Townsend Bridge company and, if he is as successful in running the bridge business as he is his home, he will make all competitors look like a 20-cent piece alongside a double eagle. . . . Fred Morse informs us that the Great Northern has designated the station west of Plainview as Copenhagen. The settlement is Danish and the name pleases them. . . . Speaking of the proposition of J. P. Connolly to build an electric light plant in O'Neill, D. C. Deaver said: "I know of no city the size and importance of O'Neill that is dark. A large percentage of the people who come here with a view of investing money in Holt county arrive on the night train and as most people are influenced by their first impressions, the finding of the city in darkness gives them a poor first impression."

**20 Years Ago**  
Fire broke out along the North Western railway southwest of O'Neill on hay land owned by Mrs. James O'Conner, and destroyed seven tons of hay. Thirteen acres of full feed grass owned by James Moore also was destroyed. . . . Judge Robert Baker, formerly a resident of this county, died at his home at Ainsworth. . . . Donald Mitchell, 14, was injured when a car struck his bicycle. . . . Charles Richardson sold his building to the Putnam Implement company. L. D. Putnam will open an implement store and handle John Deere farm machinery and implements. The store will be managed by Mr. Putnam, formerly of Gregory, S.D. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Sobotka of Inman are the parents of a 10-pound baby boy. . . . Joe Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bazelman, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bazelman and Fred drove north to witness the landing of the big balloon. There were hundreds of cars from all directions there to view the landing.

**10 Years Ago**  
They came a thousand strong to the show and banquet sponsored by the Commercial club for the veterans' day celebration. . . . Mrs. Elizabeth Jones was surprised by a group of friends on her birthday anniversary. The

uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Butts.

**One Year Ago**  
Hundreds of people lined the streets of Chambers for a centennial parade, which featured the veterans' day observance. . . . Family night will be observed by the Methodists at the church. . . . Funeral services were held for Mrs. Lottie Thompson, 67, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Pete Cooper, at Orchard. . . . Charles R. Stout of Neligh has been named as the new Hartington sub-district superintendent

for Consumers Public Power district. . . . The Inman WSCS met Thursday in the Maxcy Memorial addition for a regular meeting. . . . Holt County Sheriff Leo Tomjack says Jack Montgomery has confessed burglarizing the Gill Motor company in Stuart. He also admitted robbing the William Krotter Lumber company, Flannigan Red & White store and the Circle bar, all of Stuart.

Tune in "Voice of The Frontier", thrice weekly!

**Likes About Month Are Told—**  
The Golden Keys club met Friday, November 11. A film "The Dog and the Cat" was shown. Roll call was answered with "What We Like About November".  
Nearly all the mothers visited the lower grade room during American education week. The upper grades recently purchased new games. They have been helping their teacher fold tuberculosis letters. — By Mary Richards, news reporter.



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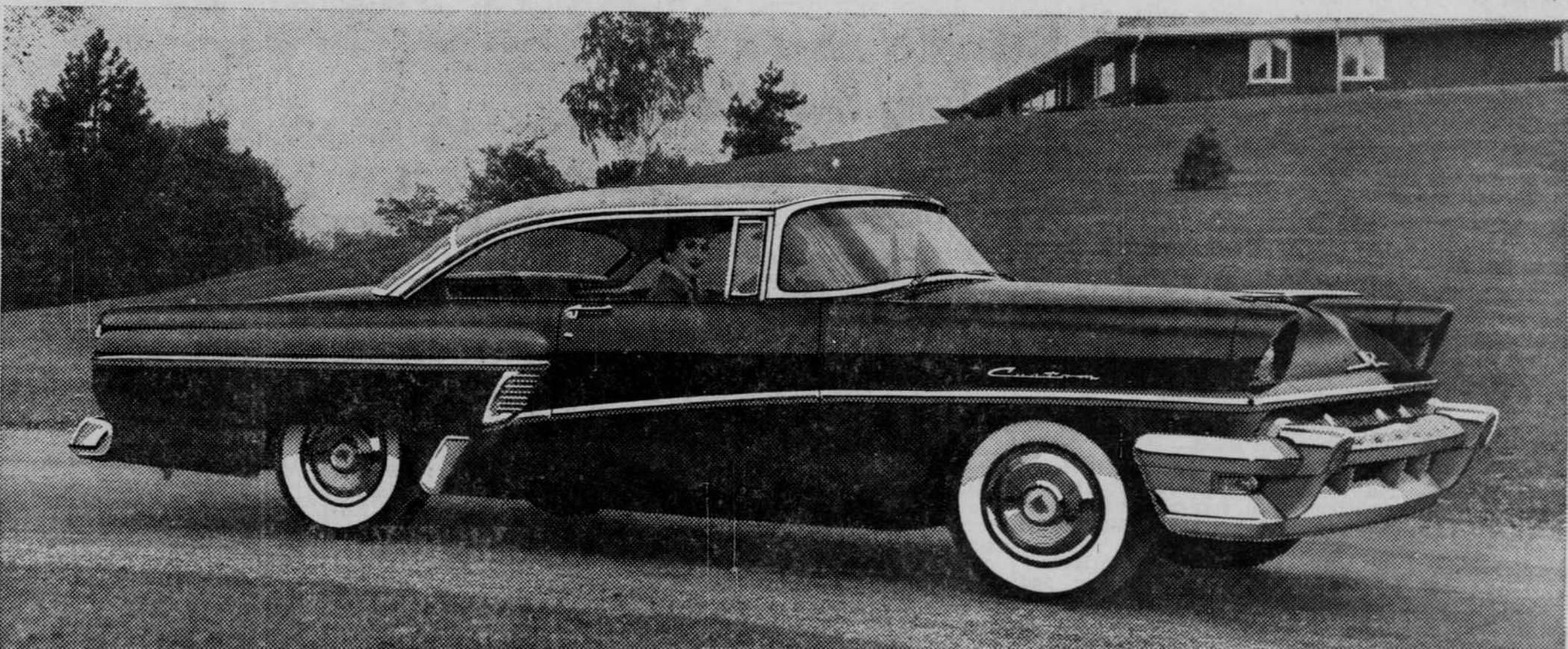


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## An OPPORTUNITY and a RESPONSIBILITY

Consumers Public Power District, along with the whole state, rejoiced in the recent announcement that Nebraska was one step—and a large one—nearer to building a nuclear power plant.

Investigation and study by the Division of Nebraska Resources, the University of Nebraska and Consumers' staff over the past few years have revealed that the advantages to Nebraska of a nuclear power plant are multiple. These advantages lie not only in providing for the generation of electricity with a new "fuel" that experts agree will replace conventional fuels in the years ahead, but in developing and fostering an entirely new industrial and agricultural economy for our state, built around the use of the nuclear by-products.

Coupled with the joy came the sobering thought that the real work is just starting. The negotiation of contracts, the solution of problems with answers unknown as of today, and the training of employees in new tasks, are all ahead. When they are successfully completed, Nebraska will have nuclear power, a milestone in the world's progress.

The entire Consumers organization is determined to successfully complete its part of the task without delay.

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This new booklet "Nuclear Power—Bringing a New Era to Nebraska" explains how a nuclear power plant operates, and how it may affect the economy of our state.

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