

Prairieland Talk

HST: 'We Can Beat Anybody'

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LINCOLN — Terry Carpenter has not been heard from this first day of March, but President Eisenhower's announcement yesterday has the democratic hopefuls worried.

Now Ike is the national idol as FDR was 20 years ago. Partisan bigwigs bearing the Bourbon brand will accuse him of everything, summer droughts, winter floods, market fluctuations, and a few other myths that only a politician can think up.



Romaine Saunders

Mr. Eisenhower will probably be nominated by a rising vote in the San Francisco Calif. convention and be reelected by a landslide.

Democrats will do well to omit the mud slinging and with patriotic zeal show us a better way to administer the chief executive's duties if they have it.

Is that member of congress from a New England state charged with income tax fraud a crook or agent with the courage to defy decrees of the congress of which he is a member?

They get onto American tricks in a hurry. A gent from the Nile river country of ancient Egypt with a name that stretches across a newspaper column, the shortest of the five names he registered under at the University of Nebraska being simply Mohammed Al, has instituted suit in the district court of Lancaster county to collect 10-thousand-dollars for being "slandered" by a dietitian employed by the university.

Now a Nebraska banker goes to Morocco to take a bride. But, prairieland girls, now is your chance — '56 is leap year.

For the enlightenment and edification of Billy McNichols, that friendly Irishman with a law office out in Hollywood, Calif., and who is busy keeping stars of the show world out of jail but who really belongs in O'Neill and who craved Prairieland Talker with a Texas sombrero, that head adorning catches the admiring eye of passersby.

House lights are on at 6 a.m. A half-hour later a householder takes the steering wheel of his Ford and heads for a downtown factory where 1,300 others ring in for a day's work.

How many there may be in O'Neill today of physicians, lawyers and printers it will be for others to say. Turning to the days of C. D. B. Eisman, 10 M.D.'s have passed across the stage of action, 18 lawyers and 30 printers.

Editorial

Happy April 15th!

The following parody was pinched from Jim Reed's column in the Topeka Daily Capital:

Two score years ago our fathers brought forth upon this nation a new tax, conceived and dedicated to the proposition that all men are fair game.

Now we are engaged in a great mass of calculation, testing whether the taxpayer, so confused and so impoverished, can long endure. Met on Form 1040, we have come to dedicate a large portion of our income to a final resting place which these men who spend their lives that we may give our money.

It is not altogether fitting that we do this. But in the legal sense we cannot evade—we cannot cheat—we cannot underestimate this tax. The collectors who computed here have gone far beyond our power to add or detract.

Our creditors will little note, nor long remember, what we pay here, but the internal revenue service can never forget what we report here. It is for us, then, to be dedicated to the great task before us—that from these vanishing dollars we take increased devotion to the few that remain, that we highly resolve that next year will not find us in a higher bracket.

Money for Elections

No wonder congress is moving into the investigation of campaign contributions as if into a mine field! Nobody knows where the next eruption will occur. Following the first explosion there have been detonations suggesting a wide distribution of oil money.

He says he knows four or five democrats who have had campaign money from oil interests. Also that oil men as well as labor unions should be able to help elect candidates they like.

When is a gift to a politician wrong? It is plain that only the wealthy could seek office if all contributions were illegal. Probably the answer will be found more in the realm of ethics than of law.

A friend out at Redbird, Mrs. Merrill Anderson, writes to Prairieland Talker enclosing some poems she has written for my consideration. The charming region of Holt county in which the lady lives invokes the muse. Nature's pictures on prairieland are nowhere more alluring than where the mystic charm of wooded slopes and trickling streams of northern Holt inspires such as Mrs. Anderson to write.

Wake up, oh Spring! We've waited long— Now return, oh lark, with cheery song. Elm and cottonwood, put on your robes of green— Come again, gentle spring, to change the wintry scene.

Some 60 years ago romance blossomed, involving two O'Neill young people and culminated in the marriage of Den Hunt and Nellie Cronin. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt recently observed their 58th wedding anniversary quietly at their home at 51st and O streets in Lincoln.

A night of pleasure ended in death for four youths down at Holdrege. They had been to a neighboring community to dance the night away, unmindful of the tragic end that awaited them at dawn of day.

Deeds are more impressive than intentions, though intention is the father of the deed. You don't have to wear an army uniform to serve your country. If you don't go to the caucus and vote, don't growl about the results of election.

March 1, we as a state became 89 years of age. But prairieland has been robbed in verdant loveliness since first the sun at dawn lifted the curtain of night. Organized as a territory in 1854, Nebraska was admitted to the Union as the 37th state in 1867.

A native son, at present stationed at a military air base in North Carolina and who has been about everywhere on military missions over the earth's troubled lands, tells the home folks here in Lincoln that the more he sees of the world, the more his native prairieland stands out in the world picture as the best place of them all.

Public officials are employed and paid by taxpayers and voters, not to assume dictatorial powers that work hardships on patriotic citizens on communities, but to protect their best interests. Maybe that's what they think they are doing by swivel chair decrees down there at the statehouse, but doubtless down in the charming Amelia country there is a growing sentiment among voters to "turn the rascals out."

To remedy a situation brought on by what is said to be "hundreds of thousands of children's fingerprints," walls and stairways at the State Historical society building, 15th and R streets, Lincoln, have been freshly painted. Maybe those finger marks were not all kids.

I cannot reach a hand to the evening star, Nor paint the sunset flash of gold. But I catch a glimpse of celestial fire gleaming afar Within my heart to hold.

duce more care about accepting any which looked unethical. Mr. Goldwater's frank statement will help in public appraisal of the situation. It would have been better earlier — if he had the information earlier—before he was named on the special inquiry committee.

'Dump Nixon' Move Will Flop The "Dump Nixon" campaign was conceived, nurtured and fanned by liberals of the first order who will have little part in the republican national convention, and, very likely, will not be voting the republican ticket.

The liberals in the press, television and radio are having a field day at Nixon's expense. They are inflicting some damaging wounds but won't succeed in upending him—that's our prediction.

Now that we've heard the last of the brass bands and cowbells and have seen the last frenzied performances of cheer leaders, we can settle down to contemplate the new spring season.

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Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Harder have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Lois Lorraine (above), and 2/Lt. Weldon B. Petersen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Petersen of O'Neill. A music teacher in the Plattsmouth public schools, Miss Harder was graduated from Hastings (Nebr.) college. Her fiancé, who is now stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., attended college at Washington university, St. Louis, Mo., and the University of Nebraska. The couple plans an early June wedding.—Claude Constable Photo.

When You and I Were Young . . . Jarman place in Chambers and destroyed two hay stacks.

Ice House Finished; What About Ice? Mrs. Alice E. Bridges, who had been ill for about a year, died. . . Little Carol Ann Latzel of Ewing, six-weeks-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Latzel, was found dead in her crib, apparently from suffocation. . . Miss Florence Van Ostrand of Ewing and Harold Schwager of Orchard were united in marriage. . . Randy Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Stewart, celebrated his third birthday anniversary.

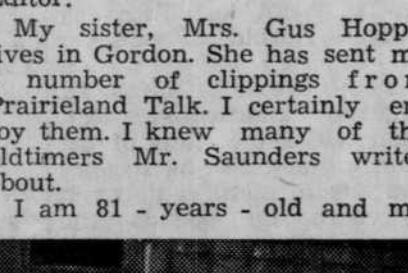
Leap Year Birthday for Dr. French 50 Years Ago John Horiskey has his ice house built and is wondering where he's going to get the ice. . . Joe Dobias and wife of Atkinson went to Creighton to attend the wedding of Mrs. Dobias' sister, Julia Kolena. . . The Tuesday club met at Mrs. E. R. Adams' home. Mrs. T. V. Golden, Mrs. G. W. Smith, Mrs. A. F. Mullen and Mrs. Adams gave talks on the life of the poet, George Elliott. . . Miss Maud Smith of Page resigned her position with Mann and Melvin. Miss Mary Pennell takes her place. . . J. H. DeBolt of Stuart traded his ranch for a farm near Winterset, Ia., and an interest in a stock of general merchandise.

20 Years Ago Dr. O. W. French, who was born on February 29 (leap year), was honored at an oyster supper given by his mother, Mrs. George French of Page. . . Grace McCoy Hummel, formerly of Holt county, who is doing historical research in the counties west of Holt, wrote Eli Hersher for information. The latter was able to give some facts. One little town of Eli was named for Mr. Hersher. . . Mrs. L. C. Chapman was buried from the Episcopal church. . . Francis Soukup, St. Mary's center, who made 274 points during the basketball season, was chosen on the all-tournament team of class B at Long Pine. Others chosen were O'Neill and Johnson, both of Atkinson, Dennis of Butte and a player from Lynch.

10 Years Ago Registrants discharged since March 6 include: Arthur Kropp of Ewing, Lyle Neil Fix of Atkinson, Richard M. Faulhaber of Midlebranch, William G. Schultz of Atkinson, Virgil L. Peterson of Page and John J. Buhke of Amelia. . . Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Gray celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their home in Page. . . A fire started at the Wood

Letters to Editor

Alexandria, Va. 807 Second St. Editor: My sister, Mrs. Gus Hoppe, lives in Gordon. She has sent me a number of clippings from Prairieland Talk. I certainly enjoy them. I knew many of the oldtimers Mr. Saunders writes about. I am 81 - years - old and my



Mrs. Crippen . . . Holt best!

friends recently came to my home to help me celebrate the birthday anniversary. I cannot ride a bronco anymore, but I feel fine and enjoy good health. I am one of those early prairie dogs and still say Holt county is the best of counties. I have traveled from coast-to-coast several times and I know what I'm talking about. MRS. ADELIA SCHNEIDER GRIPPEN

Ewing Couple Back from Bahama Islands

EWING — Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Stearns recently returned from a three-weeks' trip to the South, including a visit to the Bahama Islands.

The couple boarded the SS Queen of Nassau at Miami, Fla., had dinner and breakfast aboard ship, and arrived at Nassau late the following morning.

The Bahamas are property of Great Britain. "We found them quite different," says Mrs. Stearns. "Population is about 85 percent colored (Negroes). The city of Nassau has a population of 45,000 and the government buildings are extremely nice and beautiful.

"People there drive their vehicles on the left side (British custom) and all the streets are one-way. There are no restaurants or cafes. All meals are served in the luxurious hotels.

"Flowers, shrubbery and trees are very beautiful, but they lack the grandeur of the wonderful gardens of our Southern states. The Bahama trees do not match the cypress or sarasota trees in Florida, the magnolia, middleton or cypress trees in South Carolina.

"It was a very nice adventure and we really enjoyed it," added Mrs. Stearns.

Family Gathering Marks 48th Wedding

AMELIA—On March 4, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dexter of Amelia celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary at a dinner for relatives. They received flowers and gifts. A card shower had been held for them.

Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Art Dexter and Roger of Murdo, S.D., Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bly of Amelia; Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Bly and sons of Neigh; Mrs. Richard Harley and sons; Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Flossie and family, all of Chambers; Mrs. Olive Dexter and sons, Dick Tomlinson, Dennis, Sue and Casey, all of O'Neill; Miss Dorothy Pokorny of Elgin.

Cubs Play Fish Game at Meeting— The Cub Scouts, den II, met after school Wednesday, March 7. The den mother read about the theme for this month, "Bottom of the Sea."

We sang "Old McDonald Had a Farm." We chose sides and played a game we called fish. Richard Bazelman and Dick Brewster served lunch. Next meeting Mike Grutsch and Mike Gallagher will bring lunch.—By Mike Gallagher.

DIES AT 84

REDBIRD—Thomas Hiscocks of Redbird, who spent two weeks in January with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hiscocks, did not go to Forest Grove, Ore., last week for his father's funeral. His father, 84, died Thursday, March 1. Survivors include: Widow, three sons, one daughter, twin brother and three sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Benson went to Wood Lake recently where they attended funeral services for Everett Johnson, 69, prominent Cherry county stockman. Mr. Johnson, an uncle of Mrs. Benson's, had been a lifelong resident of that county.

Plan Skit for Fun Night

A meeting of Grattan Hustlers was held recently at school district 17. The film, "New Ideas of 4-H," was shown by Warren Peden. All members were present except Donald Eppenbach. Project books were passed out. It was decided to get a skit for fun night, April 7.

Elaine Krugman was elected song leader. Richard and Charles Hill furnished the games.

Next meeting is to be held on Sunday afternoon, March 18, at the Paul Krugman home. — By Keith Krugman, reporter.

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