

PrairieTalk

Devoted Mother Guided Griswold

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, Retired, Former Frontier Editor

LINCOLN — Born in Sioux county in the northwest extremity of Nebraska in the year 1893, Dwight Griswold was ushered into a scene of rough pioneer life where two-gun guys strutted in arrogant insolence but were kept a little subdued by soldiers at the government fort. Out of this environment, Mr. Griswold told me once he was guided by his devoted and understanding mother into paths that led to a life of personal achievement.



Romaine Saunders

His school days were finished in the University of Nebraska. His fuller education began in military service, rounded out as editor of a small town newspaper in western Nebraska, with repeated appearances on the election ballots for governor, finally winning the nomination and election for governor, where he served three terms.

After a government mission to Greece, private business occupied his attention, with ever a lively interest in political matters. And the life history of that Sioux county baby of the long ago ended as United States senator—an example of what a Nebraska native has done.

Mr. Crosby announces he will complete the term as governor to see some things through his administration is interested in as beneficial to the state. At the same time he settles the question of another term as governor by becoming a candidate for the United States senatorial nomination in the forthcoming primary. This will be for the six-year term beginning next January.

Political dopest had it that Mr. Crosby could have sidestepped his responsibilities brought on by his taxation proposals by resigning and accepting the appointment to serve the remainder of the term made vacant by the death of Senator Griswold. With the clear vision of the statesman-politician, Mr. Crosby stays on the job to which Nebraska voters elected him until his term expires. He has appointed a citizen—Mrs. Arthur Bowring—to fill out the remainder of the Griswold term. She is one who is not interested in opposing him in the primary by seeking the nomination for the senatorial seat for a six-year stretch. The primaries already are over-run with candidates for that GOP nomination. The first to toss his sombrero into the senatorial ring was that erstwhile democrat and late delegate to the republican national convention which nominated President Eisenhower; State Sen. Terry Carpenter of Scottsbluff.

That a level-headed, well-balanced Nebraska patriot like the late Mr. Griswold should succeed the dead in the United States senate for the long term is devoutly to be wished.

The dust-blown sections of Kansas were made for the cow, not the plow. The buffalo grass sod replaced by wheat field has resulted in a ruined country.

The State Bar association proposes changes in Nebraska's method of selecting men to occupy the bench in our courts, the lawyers thinking Missouri has a better system. The way has always been open in Nebraska for men feeling qualified to seek the office of judge and for the most part has been satisfactory. The people like to have their say about who is to hold public office. The "Missouri plan" seems to deny the voter that prerogative while making you think you're having your say.

Editorial

We're Glad It's Over

In an extraordinary session of the city council at 8 o'clock Friday morning a final position was taken by the city fathers in the matter of the controversy between persons who want the two federal highways kept on their present routes through the city as opposed to those who were willing to keep the highways except for the sacrifice and cost. There are a lot of variables involved and we have no intention of discussing them here.

On occasion the controversy got rough and some persons knocked themselves out in oratory, occasionally indulging in personalities.

We're glad it's over. A preponderance of interest and enthusiasm was directed at the council to keep the highways at any cost. Most of the critics were willing to have one or two councilmen become martyrs for their cause, and only one or two critics were willing to stand up and be counted.

On that basis the council did the only thing it could do—went along with the people who overflowed the council chambers on occasion—the people who were Johnny-on-the-spot at a series of meetings in which highway location was the chief topic.

First Ward Councilman M. J. Golden dissented in his voting and in his thinking all along, and we admire him for voting his convictions and staying by his guns. Third Ward Councilman Norbert Uhl voted both ways, talked both ways and, finally, was caught in a dramatic pinch. We think Uhl was subjected to far more pressure than called for. Numerous ramifications factored in his switching position from time-to-time, and we're not censuring him either.

We sincerely hope the whole affair proves an object lesson to all of us. We hope that our local government won't again tolerate such a situation in which personalities are banded around recklessly and harsh words are spoken—later to be regretted. Yes, we're glad it's over and most city officials and citizens are glad it's a closed matter.

Cronin's Boosters Are Legion

Governor Crosby saw fit to appoint one of Nebraska's wealthiest women—Mrs. Arthur Bowring—to fill the five months vacancy in the U.S. senate created by the unexpected death of Dwight Griswold. In so doing he passed over O'Neill's Julius D. Cronin, distinguished Nebraska lawyer, current president of the state bar association, and for many years active in Nebraska republican circles.

A movement was started at O'Neill in behalf of Cronin for the senate seat. The move gained proportions of a ground-swell in party, legal and publishing circles.

Difficulties plagued Cronin's backers, however, because Crosby made up his mind early, withdrawing into seclusion and protecting himself from 15 avowed "candidates" as well as Cronin enthusiasts. Cronin himself would offer no comment and no assistance.

Persons boosting Cronin for the senate (they

We now hunt the city over to find the typewriter ribbons that we once procured most anywhere for 50 cents. And when the right one is found we dig up a dollar, but they are no better than when sold for four bits. . . . How did "Operation Honesty" make out with you? . . . As I turned on the radio this morning the first word to greet us was that Sen. Dwight Griswold had collapsed at the steering wheel of his car, Mrs. Griswold by his side took over, drove to where she could call an ambulance, and the senator died minutes later. . . . Our two remaining territories are ready and entitled to join the Union as states. One man in the lower house of congress from a jealous state blocks the way to statehood for Alaska and Hawaii. . . . An enterprising gent who has dope to sell under the classical classification of chemicals would have us believe nature will not germinate seeds planted in the good prairie soil unless the seed has first been given the sacred rite of immersion in the stuff he is trying to sell. . . . A Nebraska farm patriot was found dead where he was gathering up earth to level off his wife's grave.

"In All Its Fury," a publication issued from time to time by the '88 Blizzard club, has a picture of a sod house that stood once near Burwell and housed the Bunnell family. That sod house was the girlhood home of an O'Neill woman whose remains for many years have laid to rest in a grave up on the hill. She was the wife of Henry Mills and mother of Jess and Ada, the latter being R. R. Dickson's office girl, Henry Mills, who died some years ago in Portland, Ore., where his daughter, Ada, lived at the time, probably brought in more wells and installed more windmills than any other such operator in Holt county. Mrs. Mills had a brother, Tim Bunnell, who lived in O'Neill for a time and followed the cow trails with the Lamont and other outfits. The Bunnell sod house was built in 1882 or '83 about the time Burwell got going as a pioneer trading post. All that survive the sod houses once seen here and there on prairie are the fading photographs salvaged from the wreck of time.

Follow the highway up the Rio Grande valley from Santa Fe, N.M., Denver, Colo., among other wonders forming nature's picture, the highway crosses a stream known as Dirty Woman creek, said to have acquired the name from an unwashed dame who once lived near the creek but shunned its cleansing tide, defied both raiding redskins and snooping palefaces. Holt county has a Louse creek. Maybe Henry Tomlinson can give its history, as he was among the pioneer kids of northeast Holt. Cache creek, over south, is said to have acquired the name from a party of government surveyors making their getaway from a band of Indians who buried their duffel by the first stream they came to. Dry creek is simple—dry more than wet. Holt county is watered by two rivers, a dozen or more smaller streams, some sizeable lakes and a flowing well belt.

When the Grim Reaper sounds the bugle call to eternity for some notable personage, printers are put to work all over the country setting headlines from the largest type they have in their cases. Who would question it? At the same time appear a few lines under a one-line, one-column head telling of a cargo of monkeys unloaded for experiments with polio. And from toying with these comical little creatures may come developments transcending in importance to mankind the losses sustained by the passing of any one individual however great such losses may be.

were legion) nevertheless paid him high tribute with their enthusiasm, and no question but what he would have made an outstanding statesman whether as an interim appointee or a "long-term."

Crosby has decided to go for the six-year nomination himself on the GOP ballot, and thereby couldn't very well appoint a strong personality who might oppose him at the polls. By appointing Mrs. Bowring he has accomplished that (she'll retire in five months); he has made a bid for women votes in the state, and he has disappointed some and pleased others.

We've just read the army's report on the Schine affair made public well in advance of the McCarthy-army hearings, and we've just been to the Royal theater and seen "The Glenn Miller Story." The current screen hit conveniently points up that preferential treatment was given to Miller and at least a dozen musicians during World War II, but no hullabaloo came of that. That preferential treatment has been commonly practiced under the heading of "talents being properly utilized" is old stuff, as anyone who has been in the service knows. If it could have been arranged for Mr. Schine to keep building fires under communists, it would be of greater importance to the national interest than having him improperly classified in the ranks. Some people, like Glenn Miller, are tabbed to make music; others are chosen by reasons of physical fitness and aptitude to fly airplanes, and Schine has demonstrated his ability to seek out commies, and for our money, should be doing just that—in or out of uniform. What's all the rumpus about—unless it is to divert interest from the main issue?

We know one man who was so elated with Sunday night's showers he walked around in the rain for an hour.

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When You and I Were Young...

Balloonist Unhurt as Outfit Collapses

Later Trip, 'Chute Jump Successful

50 Years Ago

The balloon ascension was a failure owing to the collapse of the aeronaut's car. When just at the tops of the buildings, the balloon collapsed and let the young man down rather suddenly. He escaped injury and at once announced to the crowd of spectators that he would make another attempt two days later. The latter trip was a very successful ascension and parachute drop. . . . Mrs. R. J. McGinnis departed for her home at Cod, Wyo., after several weeks visiting here. . . . John and Betty Dameron, Bert and Ethyl Anderson, Ralph and Jessie Coburn, Al McMain and Matt Classen were the crowd from Phoenix who attended the barn dance at C. H. Christensen's at Ray, a good time was reported. . . . The First National bank now has a gasoline street light on the corner to illuminate the dark nights and it does a good job of it within a radius of several rods. . . . Messrs. P. J. McManus, Al Brimmer, R. Sullivan, the Misses Ruth Evans and Mamie Morrow were among the O'Neill people to attend a ball given at Atkinson last week.

20 Years Ago

Prof. E. E. Schramm of the University of Nebraska received a letter from the Lubbock, Tex., Chamber of Commerce stating that he should see to it that Nebraska sand is kept in Nebraska. It seems to be a state of barter—Nebraska returned a favor—as a year ago eastern Nebraska, it was laughingly figured, was enriched \$25,000,000 by a south-wind that brought rich red alluvial soil from Texas. . . . Gertrude G. Graham left for Los Angeles, Calif., where she will spend the summer and visit her brother, Edward, and sister, Mrs. C. C. Jackson. She expects to return to O'Neill this fall. . . . Seven boys were awarded letters at St. Mary's academy. Father J. Leahy presented the letters to the winners.

10 Years Ago

P. J. McManus, probably the oldest business man in O'Neill and this section of the state, retired after 53 years in the mercantile business. . . . Paul L. Beha has been appointed county salvage chairman with Joe Winkler of Emmet as assistant chairman. . . . Holt county nearly doubled its quota in the recent Red Cross drive. . . . Telephone employees here are given buttons from the United States office of civilian defense in Washington, D.C., as a result of the company's receiving the national security award.

One Year Ago

Winners of a 14 group elimination contest will compete here in the Holt county grade school spelling tournament over the weekend. . . . Sleeping car service on the C&NW will be curtailed. The westbound train will carry a pullman on the even dates and the eastbound train will have a pullman on the odd days. Though sleeping car service will be offered only on alternate dates, the two trains will continue to operate as usual. The O'Neill Saddle club now in its third year has been invited

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Chambers News

E. C. Conger visited a few days last week with relatives at Valentine. Sunday dinner guests in the Edwin Hubbard home were Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Eason of O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Shavlik and Pamela and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hubbard of Chambers. Easter Sunday 6 p.m., dinner-guests in the L. V. Cooper home were Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Johnson and family, Jim Puckett and Don and Carroll Frickel of Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Friedrich and family of Spencer and Arnold, Marie and Erna Zuehlke of Chambers. The Louis Neilson family attended Park Center Congregational church near Elgin Easter Sunday, then had dinner in the Edith and Mabel Kinney home. The Les Jenkins family were also guests. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hart and son, Roland, of Bismark, N.D., spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Moss, and brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grimes. Miss Kathryn Newhouse of Neligh spent Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Newhouse. Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Carpenter were Easter Sunday dinner guests in the Dean Stevens home at Atkinson. Mary and Jacqueline Taggart came from Omaha to spend Easter with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Taggart, and family. Mrs. H. C. Walter and Mrs. E. R. Carpenter attended the county home demonstration council in O'Neill Tuesday, April 13. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spaff of Chambers and Mr. and Mrs. George Fullerton and family of Amelia were Easter Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spath and Elaine. The occasion also was in observance of the birthday anniversaries of Mrs. Fullerton and Frank Spath. John Daas and Kay Eisenhauer returned Sunday to Lincoln to resume their duties at the university after spending a week with their parents. Mrs. Nellie Lewman of Orchard came last Thursday and visited until Wednesday with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Potter, and family.

Miss Shirley Kirwin of Ames, Ia., who is taking nurse's training at the university school of nursing in Omaha, was a weekend guest in the Clarence Young home. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Thorin received a telephone call Sunday from their son, Pic. Charles Thorin, who had docked at Camp Kilmer, N.J., on Saturday. Private Thorin has spent the past year in Korea, returning with the 45th division. He didn't know how soon he would be home. Sunday dinner guests in the William Turner home were Clem Payne of Lincoln, missionary on leave from Morocco. Rev. and Mrs. L. M. McElheran and children and Judy and Susan Thomson. Mrs. Richard Harley and son sent Easter with relatives at the Ed Dexter home. Mr. and Mrs. William Jutte and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Martin were surprised by friends and relatives Sunday evening at the Martin home. The occasion was the wedding anniversary of both couples. The evening was spent playing cards. Lunch was served. Mr. and Mrs. William Jutte were surprised at their home on Saturday evening when a group of friends came to help them celebrate their 42nd wedding anniversary.

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Chaffins Move into New Home

CELIA—A number of friends and relatives gathered at the Leonard Chaffin home Tuesday morning, April 13, with trucks and cars to help the Chaffins move to their new home, four miles northeast of Atkinson. After the trucks were loaded they drove to the Joe Hendricks home where dinner was served. Hostesses were Mrs. Joe Hendricks, Mrs. Lawrence Smith, Mrs. David Rahn, Mrs. Harry Mitchell and Mrs. Jesse Hupp. Those helping with the moving were Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hendricks, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hipke, Mrs. Omer Poynts, Jesse Hupp, Orville Orr, David Rahn, Lawrence Smith, George Melor, Harry Mitchell and Joe Hendricks. Emil Colfack spent a day hauling hay to the new location a few days earlier.

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and Mrs. Ferne Livingston and sons, Joe and Zane, were Easter Sunday dinner guests at the Bob Martin home. Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Francis and Mr. and Mrs. F. Caauwe of Norfolk were Sunday, April 11, guests at the Ray Pease home. Mr. Francis was formerly a radio announcer at WJAG radio station, Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hendricks and family visited in Butte Wednesday night, April 14. Hillside chapel had an Easter service and program, followed by a picnic dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Margritz of O'Neill were visitors. Louis Klasna of Spencer visited at the D. F. Scott home last Thursday. Mrs. Gene Livingston and Mrs. D. F. Scott were O'Neill callers Wednesday, April 14. R. M. Pease of O'Neill was an Easter Sunday dinner guest at the Ray Pease home. Mrs. Joe Hendricks visited at the Rev. Charles Phipps home Monday, April 12, and assisted with work of the home. Mrs. Phipps is recuperating from a recent operation. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lauridsen and children were Monday afternoon, April 12, guests at the Hans Lauridsen home. Henry Heiser has been spending quite a bit of time at his ranch caring for the herd of

August cows he recently purchased. Bobby Lauridsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lauridsen, was an overnight guest of the Alfred Schauf children Tuesday, April 13. Connie Frickel and children watched the ball game on television Tuesday evening, April 13, at the Ray Pease home. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Colfack and children called on the Irene Boyens and Wilford Arp families Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Duane Stall and son of Atkinson visited at the Perry Terwilliger home Sunday evening, April 11. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ernst and children, Anne and John, of Miltonvale, Kans., spent the Easter holidays at the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hendricks and daughter.

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