

Prairieland Talk

Straw Hat, Coatless in Midwinter

By ROMAIN SAUNDERS, Retired, Former Frontier Editor

LINCOLN—September 1 is the date custom decrees that the straw hats be put away. But it being still up in the 90's with sweat to contend with, I will cling to the straw for the present.

There was a patriot living over by Antelope slough in the long ago by the name of Haynes, who would come to O'Neill in midwinter wearing a straw hat and no overcoat. A half-century or more ago there was variety on the streets about every day. A gent from the Niobrara river gulches, the only one taken through the legal farce of a trial for the lynching of Barrett Scott, was clothed in a blanket when he came to town. A handsome gent with long black hair and clothed in buckskin breeches and jacket with fringes flopping as he rode along Douglas street mounted on a bay beauty came up from the southwest corner of what is now Wyoming precinct from time to time to get a fresh plug of tobacco. Gents who spent their life in the saddle were seen about town in leather chaps and spurs clanking on board walks.



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The homesteader, the legitimate settler, was thankful for his felt boots and big overshoes when blizzards came howling out of the north and the pioneer mat by his side had exchanged the summer sunbonnet for a hood and shawl. But there were dressy guys and gals keeping up a show of importance in O'Neill—John Mann setting the pace for Pat Biglin and his crowd, while Hattie Potter dictated the garb adornment for young ladies.

Archeologists have finished their work in the Ft. Randall reservoir area and tell of uncovering an ancient Indian village. Too late now for a session with Spotted Tail but old Spot could doubtless have told us more than the paleface diggers have learned.

Resorting to a buzz saw as an instrument to accomplish suicide is something new in the realm of human invention to get away from it all. A Lincoln woman went to the basement of her home with the evident intention of taking her life but accomplished only the loss of one hand. . . The Indians have adopted another pale face trick. A Sioux maiden from Ft. Gates, N.D., has been named Miss Indian of America, the title being awarded in a contest with other Indian girls from various tribes. . . One of those noted Canadian five sisters, Emilie Dionne, is dead and doctors are puzzled over what may have been the cause of her sudden taking off. The quints had attained the age of 20 years. . . Former President Herbert Hoover had his share of partisan abuse and has survived to celebrate his 80th birthday anniversary and, more recently, a four-day mountain fishing excursion with Ike.

Drip, drip, drip—a steady weeping of a beclouded sky. Rains are refreshing. They may also be depressing. After many dries, hot weeks in July and August, where now does so much rain water come from? It is soaking a thirsty earth. If it is this wet on Holt county hay flats, Tom Baker and Fred Watson are not very happy about it. But maybe they beat the rain clouds to it and have the hay flats dotted with stacks. Fields of late corn in this part of the vineyard got a lift and pastures revive where there is a cow or two left as emblems of former farm life, though the up-to-the-minute tractor cloverhopper down this way does not care to soil lilywhite hands milking a cow.

A suburban citizen of the capitol city is in the chick hatching business and has in the process of hatching just now 16,000 eggs which he "turns" every two hours.

Editorial

British Subterfuge:

A recent issue of the Washington, D.C., newsletter, Human Events, which has a reputation for hitting hard and squarely on the nail, offered this interesting discussion concerning British inconsistencies on the international diplomatic and trade scenes:

"When the McCarthy committee exposed British trading with the enemy during the Korean war, the British at first denied the charge. When conclusive evidence was presented that had been trading vigorously with the enemy, London's defense shifted. The claim was then made that the trade had been entirely in non-strategic items and, hence, innocuous. Secretary of Defense Wilson stated publicly that any trade with the enemy helped the enemy and was, therefore, not harmless. Pentagon sources also said that strategic items had been included in British trade with the reds.

"Consider the case of cotton as a perfect example of British adroitness. British vessels did carry cotton to Red China during the Korean war, but the British claimed that cotton was of no consequence to a war effort. Yet before America entered World War I, the British placed American cotton destined for Germany or the low countries on its 'prohibited' list, as helping the German war effort. At that time American cotton and American profits were at stake. During the Korean war it was a case of British cotton and British profits.

"After the Korean armistice, British trade with Red China leaped—but British spokesmen kept up a continued chant that the British government was exercising vigilance to see that no strategic items were included. But now the Red Chinese government through E. C. Chen, deputy director of the communist East China foreign trade bureau, spills the beans. He stated publicly (as reported by the New York Times, August 29) that: 1. During the first half of 1954 a total of 246 foreign vessels arrived in Shanghai. Of these, 182 (74 percent) were British. 2. From Western Europe, communist China had imported such articles as metals, machinery, communication and transportation equipment, dyestuffs and chemicals. Metals imported included silicon steel plates, black iron sheets, tin plates, steel pipes and hand tools. It is assumed that 'Western Europe' includes Britain, as Chen described it.

"If these are not strategic items then the word is meaningless and defies definition."

Governor Crosby will retire at the end of the year, possibly feeling his venture in politics has been a mistake. He has had the courage to do what he held should be done as governor and this in itself should have recommended him for a seat in the United States congress. While not manifest to an extent that would have given him such a seat, there is a feeling that the time is about ripe for some new men in the congress. Mr. Curtis is not such but will probably win the November election, although in Mr. Neville he has no mean opponent. Had the contest been reduced to the two leading candidates for the republican nomination, the result might have been different. Extending congratulations to Mrs. Abel is in order. She walked off with the nomination for the short senate term with 15 men as her opponents.

Ben Franklin was sent to Paris to enlist the interest and aid of the French in the struggle for independence on the part of the colonies. Mr. Franklin joined a literary society as one means of impressing the highbrows in Paris. It was proposed that the members of this society each write a love story, the one the society voted the best to be printed in a national journal. Mr. Franklin submitted his story written in his own fine penmanship. It was pronounced the best and should be in print. Franklin informed the men of literary talent it was already in print. He had copied and submitted the story of Ruth, one of the books of the Old Testament scriptures. A friend tells me you could put a thousand dollars in the Bible of one person he knows and she would never find it.

British guardians of the peace and dignity of the community say children naturally are not good citizens. One said centuries ago that whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein. Perhaps the Britisher means those of the next stage in the development from childhood. The teenager is at once a showoff, a daily worry and a great kid we can hardly do without.

Six killed in a highway crash. Man sinks in deep water, is taken out lifeless. Airplane plunges into the sea, all on board are lost. So the news flashes across the land. Fathers, mothers, young wives made widows in one tragic flash, linger at family altars dumb with grief and look in silence at the vacant chair of the one they nevermore will caress; haunted, too, by the consciousness that those who go down in the ocean's dark waters have not a sacred spot in the home community graveyard where should lie the dead. And so even the simple service to their memory of placing a floral tribute at the grave is denied. With all the scientific attainments, mechanical skill, penetration into the mysteries of the vast universe, the tragedy of fatal crackups goes on.

J. B. Donohoe, Tom Donlin, L. G. Gillespie—three octogenarians who have abided in or near O'Neill for more than 70 years—appeared in a picture with a magazine writeup of the O'Neill community true in every detail, except that Kid Wade had a wife. When these oldtimers read of the registration, frills, coaches, agronomy and other strange things introduced into the schools, they may wonder how they made it under primitive conditions of pioneer life. J. B. sometimes felt that the promoters of the O'Neill colony should have been sent to jail but now, having come on the highway of life to the years of peaceful serenity, probably neither he nor Tom nor Lloyd would exchange the fun of a pioneer kid for any Pennsylvania coal mine.

Down the road ahead where you hope to see light flowers fragrant bloom by the side of the way, Clouds have left us the blue of the sky today. May await you only the blackness of night! Then pause to embrace life's joys for today—A lovelier rose may be far away!

What Will Happen?

Evidently not over-impressed by the problems and perplexities which confront the human race, forward-looking astronomers sometimes speculate on what will eventually happen to the globe that we call the earth.

The experts generally agree that the most likely fate is that the sun will explode, shriveling the earth in a sudden, hot death. Other less likely fates include the cooling of the sun so that the earth will be frozen waste-land, the destruction of the earth because of a smash-up between our sun and another star, the destruction of the earth through a collision with a comet and the possibility that the moon might come so close to the earth as to create tidal waves and volcanoes to wipe out the habitation of man.

While people seem to be interested in the effort to understand the future, there is no occasion for anyone to become excited. Some religious groups have theories and entertain beliefs to the contrary, but experts do not think the sun will explode during the next billion years or so.

A cat may have nine lives but, when on the highway, remember you are not a cat.

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News, Views and Gossip

BY THE EDITOR

Question for John

No less than a half-dozen people eagerly brought word to The Frontier concerning the half-hour visit to O'Neill of John L. Lewis, the United Mine Workers' bossman. Singularly our informants neglected to pass the word until after that burly man with the big hatch had started his big car down the road, traveling eastward alone.

There was a bit of irony in not getting at Mr. Lewis for an informal, hurlyburly press conference.

We had a simple little question in mind for Mr. Lewis or any of his counterparts. We'd like to have him explain why folks live so well in this part of the country, they eat regularly and abundantly, each family averages about two automobiles, home ownership is high, airplane ownership ranks highest per capita in the world, homes are modern and filled with gadgets, and yet there's hardly a card within a hundred miles!

Compare that with the mining communities of Illinois, West Virginia and Kentucky where wages are so high the coal miners are pricing themselves out of business, and miners live, generally, in dingy hovels.

Explain that to us, will you John?

Miscellany

The oft-quoted editor of the Blair Pilot-Tribune, Reed O'Hanlon, Jr., launched his Hooligans column with this blurb: "Last week, in case you were trapped in an outhouse with nothing else to read, you may have noted that we were spending a vacation at home, the idea of some maniac from back East who has since been captured and tossed into a pit for further observation." Heartiest laugh heard at the movies: Joe Biglin. . . One of O'Neill's most eligible young bachelors had this to say concerning an attractive young thing seen on an O'Neill street: "She could have me if she plays her cards right." . . An O'Neill public school kindergarten pupil, Eddie Archie Bright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bright, abandoned the class at recess time on the first day of school. "Why are you home?" asked the bewildered mother. "I'm tired," was the forthright reply.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

EXECUTORS DEED—Lenna Torbert, Ex to Dominick L Bohn & wf 6-30-54 \$4000. So 85 ft lots 15 & 16 Blk 27, O'Neill

WD—Watson R McDonald to J A Larson & wf 8-28-54 \$3,000. Part of N 1/2 NW 1/4 2-26-9, 20 rods by 16 rods

WD—Harold G Hayes to Mary M Schaf 3-54 \$1. E 1/2 lot 6 all lot 7 Blk O-Atkinson

WD—J G Brewster to Roy A Rhodes & wf 8-28-54 \$4200. So 180 ft lot 8 Subdivision of Outlot "L", Hallock's Add-Stuart

WD—Alice D Matthews to Alice D Matthews & Robert E Matthews 8-31-54 \$1. SE 1/4 20-29, 11 & North 100 acres, except Right-of-way for Road & power line of NE 1/4 29-29-11

WD—Hilda Chandler to Clarence Strong & wf 9-31-54 \$1. Lot 4 Blk 5-Faby's Add-O'Neill

WD—Gladys F Cunningham to Rilla Kurtz 8-23-54 \$6000. West 40 ft lots 1-2-3 Blk 42-Riggs Add-O'Neill

WD—Millie M Perry to Frank U Shane & wf 9-1-54 \$5300. Lots 7 & 8 Blk 16. Kimball & Blair's Add-Stuart

WD—Fred Colfack Jr to Emma Fleming 8-23-54 \$2100. Lot 9 & E 25 ft lot 8 Blk 15. Pioneer Townsite Co 1st Add-Ewing

WD—Russell Henton to State of Nebr 7-26-54 \$2800. Part of NW 1/4 SW 1/4 33-30-14

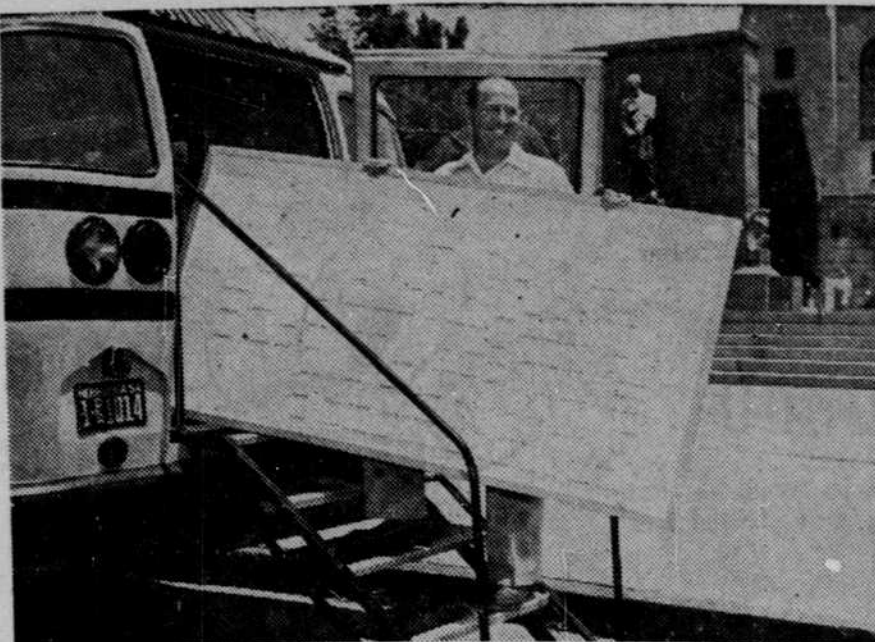
QCD—Agnes Johnson to State of Nebr 8-3-54 \$28.20 Part of SE 1/4 SE 1/4 1-32-12 and Part of West part of Lot 5 in SW 1/4 NW 1/4 6-32-11

QCD—Marvin C Frisch to State of Nebr 7-26-54 \$1. Part of NW 1/4 SW 1/4 33-30-14

WD—Frank Dalton to Ralph D Davis & wf 9-3-54 \$100. 1/2 acre in SW corner of SW 1/4 NW 1/4 29-29-11

WD—E C Weller to Julius Hugo Holz & wf 9-2-54 \$3600. N 1/2 NE 1/4 24-29-12

Frontier want ads tell you where you can save!



Richard E. Johnson of Lincoln . . . adds final exhibit to "Nebraska's Education Story."

School Exhibit Here September 15

3 Busses to Bring Showing to City

A series of exhibits emphasizing school district reorganization, teacher certification and school finances will be in O'Neill on Wednesday, September 15, under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce.

Sponsored by the Nebraska Better Education Association committee, the exhibits will be housed in three school busses—donated for the tour by three major school bus companies.

The busses started a state tour on July 12 with a trip around most of the colleges. The August and September schedule includes visiting county fairs and community special-event days. The exhibits are being shown at the state fair this week and will complete the itinerary with a September 19-20 showing at the "Mid-America: Past, Present and Future" show at Joslyn Memorial in Omaha.

The busses will house, for example, large state and county maps explaining reorganization; enlarged Freedom Forum displays; school supply house and textbook company displays; a sound-motion picture; a large comparison chart of school funds in various states; pictures of the state's newest and best schools on a projectograph; tangible results of the Better Education committee funds; free copies of education publications; and free literature and materials.

A representative of the committee will accompany the exhibits during most of the tour.

Kalkowski Families Gather at Park

LYNCH—The Kalkowski families enjoyed a picnic at the Lynch park Sunday, August 29. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schochenmaier, Carol Ann, Leon and Kevin of Bonesteel, S.D.; Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Burbach and Larry Kent of Wynot; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Barta and Sheila of Verdigris; Mr. and Mrs. Anton Kalkowski, Mr. and Mrs. George Kalkowski and Delores and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kalkowski, all of Lynch.

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P. Mann, Edward M. Gallagher, H. J. Birmingham and C. E. Stout drove down to Sioux City with W. J. Froelich, who caught a train there for Chicago, Ill.

10 Years Ago

Montana Jack Sullivan and Petty Officer Foley are in O'Neill on Montana's annual visit to the city, visiting old friends and making new. . . Miss Madeline Hynes and Oswald Druke were united in marriage at St. Patrick's Catholic church. Rt. Rev. J. G. McNamara officiated. . . Word was received in O'Neill that Marine Lt. John R. Gallagher had been wounded in action in the South Pacific. . . Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Stevens of Page were honored at an open-house honoring their 62d wedding anniversary.

Gordon Rakow Disposes of Minnesota Business

PAGE—Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rakow and family visited Wednesday evening, September 1, with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Townsend. Mr. Rakow has disposed of his business in Minneapolis, Minn., and is looking for a new location due to the health of his son. They first went to Denver, Colo. They will visit Gordon's brother, Eddie Rakow, and sister, Mrs. Myrtle Peeler, in Oregon; his brother, L. C. Rakow, and nephew, Ross Rakow, in Washington, before going to Santa Paula, Calif., to visit his sister-in-law, Mrs. Claude Rakow, and family.

One Year Ago

A new electric and gas appliance and television store is to open in O'Neill. The new owner is D. M. Osborne, who also owns the Osborne Shoe store. . . The annual former Holt county picnic for those residing in the Los Angeles, Calif., area was held in Griffith park. . . The parents of two of the helicopter crash victims visited the city during the week. . . Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Marlatt were honored at a dinner celebrating their golden wedding anniversary at the Frank Looch home in Spencer.

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