

Prairie Talk

Pull Stakes to Start Boyd

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

North Nebraska's BIG newspaper, now more than three score years and 10, reaches into towns north of the Niobrara river for the stories of the activities in those places.

The Frontier was before there was a Bristow, a Butte, a Spencer or a Lynch—communities now taken for granted. Also The Frontier was before there was a Boyd county. We knew it at one time as the domain of Spotted Tail's redskin braves who came over occasionally to see us and went into camp down by the Elkhorn.

That would be something to put a thrill into O'Neill kids today!

When the Indians were moved to South Dakota their reservation was open to settlement and became organized as a county during the term of Governor Boyd. Sam Sample, John McCafferty, Joe Mann, Casper Engelhaupt, Cal Moffat and some others pulled up stakes at O'Neill and went to the new county and started the town of Spencer where the wigwags of the Sioux had lately stood.

Ed Whiting, Holt county's first excuse of a superintendent of schools, who had become a squawman by taking an Indian woman to wife, joined in the exodus of his spouse's tribe and went along to the Rosebud.

From mountain recesses in a region beyond Denver, Colo., comes the story of a personage known as Dr. N. Doreal and his plans to escape the wiping out of the human race at Armageddon, which he predicts will hit about August 10, not later than early September. To meet this contingency that gent has secured a following, evidently well-heeled, and put up one hundred modern homes and an elaborate temple. He bases his predictions, so the story goes, on prognostications of a 16th century soothsayer and certain mystery works of the stargazers. As John, the revealer, gives it Armageddon is the sixth of seven plagues to overwhelm the earth, so if the Doreal forecast materializes by August 10 there will be some tough times between now and then. And so another smooth manipulator is heard from who fascinates a following and rakes in a million. But the investors in such a setup get a good house to live in and mountain scenery to go with it, while European citizens who invested 4.5 billion in Russian stocks and bonds lose it all as the present Russian government repudiates its debts.

Some gent who can count above 100 has it figured out that there are more people living above the fifth floor in New York City than the entire population of five western states.

I talked today with Andy Randall. That means nothing to prairie friends. But Andy Randall, a resident of Lincoln, tells the tragic story of Harry Orchard, who nearly 50 years ago set the bomb that took the life of the governor of Idaho during the days when the Western Federation of Miners was bombing and killing in the Western mountain states. Andy Randall was the deputy sheriff who, with Sheriff Nichol, tracked down and arrested Orchard. He attended the trial at Boise and saw the whole legal proceedings that resulted in conviction of Orchard and his being sentenced to be hung. Mrs. Stuenkel, widow of the slain governor, interceded and had the sentence commuted to life imprisonment, probably what not many would have had the Christian grace to do. Orchard, now an old man, long since repented of his evil ways as the killing agent of the miners' big chief, Bill Hayward, with a record of a score of violent deaths, is still a prisoner of the Idaho penitentiary but is given his liberty to go about freely.

Draw me not away with the wicked and with the workers of iniquity, which speak peace to their neighbors but mischief is in their hearts.—Ps. 28:3.

The fellows housed up in the winter's sport capital by 18-foot snow drifts no doubt now are yielding to the lure of the fish pond.

Editorial

Speeder Remedy: Report 'Em

"It's a wonder someone isn't killed!" That's a commonplace exclamation among observant O'Neillites commenting on the wild and reckless driving witnessed every day on the streets of our city.

But the exclamation usually goes the way of the empty comments about the weather. Nobody does anything about them.

There is a sharp difference, however, in the relative importance. The prospect of some pedestrian, probably a child, being mowed down or maimed for life is vital in our book; the turn of the weather is routine.

Last week two O'Neill teenagers were whisked into traffic court. One, a 16-year-old who employs a lightly-colored automobile on a part-time job, was charged with "excessive speeding, over 40-miles-per-hour, in the O'Neill residential district" on a street along which more than 30 children reside. The other rounded a corner and smashed into a light pole and was charged with reckless driving. Persons are legion who have watched both driving recklessly and could fill a courtroom.

These two offenders, both found guilty and duly punished by the court, represent only a small portion of the crowd, made up of old and young alike, who race about in steel jalopies weighing two or three thousand pounds—veritable death wagons.

It seems to us the police are not turning in their share of violators, else the columns of The Frontier each week would chronicle more traffic cases than they do.

One of the teenage Barney Oldfields (except Barney did it for pay and used his head) was prosecuted last week as the direct result of a complaint filed by a Frontier staff member. And this is the point we wish to make:

Citizens have a right and a duty to report to authorities flagrant violations of traffic regulations.

Now that school is out and children are crossing streets and playing by the hour in and along streets, the moral obligation of a citizen to report violations is exceedingly great.

Report 'em and take along your neighbor, if he or she also is a witness. It's a sure cure for crazy drivers, young or old, because the courts are getting tougher and people don't do much driving without a license. Suspension of licenses oftentimes nicks the offender where it hurts the most.

George Hammond, "Voice of The Frontier" announcer, worked on this same theme on his Monday morning newscast (WJAG, 780 kc., 9:45 a.m.).

"This lunatic driving should be stopped and must be stopped," he said, "or you and I will be

Beautiful the days marching down the highway of time as seasons come and go—the Hand that sent the hoary frost of heaven now shapes the petals of the rose, the crystal waters unseal and lays a verdant loveliness on hill and vale and field. The onward sweep of the years creates new life and gathers a harvest of death. A few more days from now and we go once more to the abode of the dead and leave there a floral tribute to their memory. Since the last memorial day was observed fresh wounds mark the resting places of others who were among the living a year ago. The years come and go and stealthily mark us for life's sunset. But until the silver cord be loosed, the golden bowl be broken and the pitcher be broken at the fountain, life holds its animated interests, its opportunities to play upon the harpstrings and bring a bit of melody to some lonely soul.

Committees, organizations, societies, leagues and what have you, one functioning under the honored name of Abraham Lincoln Brigade, another the sacred Christian party, American Peace Crusade and some hundreds of others with equally high sounding names are listed for federal government departments to shy at if members of any of these setups come looking for government jobs.

I wonder if it is all so. Or is the lure of the soft flutter of tens and twenties dropped into the lap of highway promoters back of the squawking about Nebraska roads? The hundred miles or more traveled yesterday found the highways very satisfactory and to an oldtimer who had known what it was to travel the prairie trails in a wagon drawn by four horses these concrete highways are heavenly. And looking out upon the rich black earth of southeast Nebraska where row upon row of lister furrows indicated corn had been planted and then coming upon the scene where scores of metal granaries holding in storage the fruits of other seasons you feel that the guy who belly-aches about roads instead of feeling grateful for the blessings of bountiful Providence ought to get a kick in the pants.

"Nebraska is scheduled to put under contract less money than any other state in the union for new road construction in 1953." Is The Frontier's highway editor trying to give Nebraskans a black mark? If he will tell the rest of it and the straight of it, he must say it costs less money to lay a highway across Nebraska in any direction than in any other state. There are no mountains, no tunnels, no crooks and turns every few rods like in other states. A highway here is a straight-away from start to finish. Cost of construction is determined largely by the nature of the country to be traveled. In this respect Nebraska is a favored land.

Taking the oath in federal court in Lincoln, 31 men and women of foreign birth became full-fledged citizens of the United States earlier this month. Countries represented in this list are Belgium, Latvia, Germany, Mexico, England, Norway, Ireland, Canada, Russia, Sweden, Italy, France, Czechoslovakia. One Britisher to just now become a citizen and whom I have known for some time has been in this country over 40 years and now with his wife they become voters and I personally know them to be the kind who make good citizens.

The "new woman" is a wonder, Never out for plunder, Yanks the machine into place, Gets the washing out in haste, Rolls the bread into dough, Thumbs the piecrust just so, Or swings a hoe to see the onions grow, She'll raise the hood to see If carburetor is as it should be, And with wrench and screwdriver Fixes things very clever, Hands that rocked the cradle were grandmother's, Hands on the steering wheel are granddaughter's.

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"I call on every parent in O'Neill to defend their youngsters' right to live and to play. I call on you to put an end to race-track, lunatic driving on O'Neill streets.

"And to you speeders, if you're listening, you can bet I'll see you in court!"

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When You and I Were Young . . .

O'Neill Needing Active Dog-Catcher

90 Percent Canines Worthless

50 Years Ago
The Holt county teachers' institute will convene for two weeks. . . Michael Hynes, nephew of Barney Hynes, arrived in O'Neill from Ireland to make his home with relatives. . . After the regular business of the IOOF lodge, an informal smoker was held in honor of E. B. London, who is moving to Columbus. . . Within the city limits there is a total of 498 head of horses, mules and cattle subject to taxation. . . It never rains in Nebraska, it just pours. . . Fred Hams, the Elkhorn detective, was indicted by the grand jury at Ainsworth for the killing of David Luce, a ranchman. He was put under \$10,000 bond. . . If Mayor Harrington wishes to gain the everlasting gratitude of a long suffering public he will appoint a dog catcher who will kill off about 90 percent of the worthless canines that infest this community. . . Lawrence Skirving, who has been attending the Kearney military school, has returned home.

20 Years Ago
Hugh Birmingham and Supervisor Jesse James enroute to Atkinson were hit on the fender by a passing car near Emmet. Hugh pulled over to avoid further collision and hit soft dirt which caused the car to roll over into the ditch. No one was hurt. . . The Chicago & North Western railroad is advertising a 10-day trip on the Century to Chicago for \$13.95, approximately one cent per mile. . . Judge R. B. Dickson, J. D. Cronin, Emmet Harmon and George W. Harrington went to Ainsworth to attend the quarterly meeting of the Fifteenth judicial district bar association. . . Miss Esther McCarty entertained the St. Mary's basketball team with a party at her home. . . Memorial day speaker was Rev. H. D. Johnson. A quartette composed of Dr. L. A. Burgess, D. H. Clauson, C. E. Yantzi and George Bay offered two selections.

10 Years Ago
Eighth grade exercises were held for 184 students. Edward Hynes had the highest average for the rural schools with 95%. Richard Fenderson and Richard Morgan tied for first place in the city schools with an average of 95%. . . Memorial day speaker was Rev. H. D. Johnson. A quartette composed of Dr. L. A. Burgess, D. H. Clauson, C. E. Yantzi and George Bay offered two selections.

One Year Ago
Miss Bernadette Hynes was chosen "Miss Task Force" by the 31st infantry Dixie division at Ft. Leavenworth, Kans. . . Miss Mary Lou Wilson was chosen Lions club queen. . . The memorial day address was given by Judge Lyle E. Jackson of Ne- ligh. . . L. B. Price and son, Edward, offered a piano duet at the father and son banquet in the Methodist church. . . Miss Shirley Leahy had the honor of crowning the Blessed Virgin Mary statue at the May procession. . . O'Neill netted \$256.02 from the sale of poppies.

Guests at the Bert Ott home from Monday night until Wednesday morning were Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Stutzman and family. Mrs. Stutzman was formerly Alice Erb.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tooker . . . will reside in Atkinson.—O'Neill Photo Co.

Grothe-Tooker Nuptials Read

Christ Lutheran church was the scene of a wedding at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 20, when Miss Bernice Grothe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Grothe, jr., of Emmet, became the bride of Robert Tooker, son of Mrs. Claude Humphrey of Atkinson. The single-ring ceremony was officiated by Rev. Robert W. Olson.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, chose a street-length dress of white nylon featuring a pleated skirt. She wore a corsage of pink roses.

Mrs. Herman Grothe, matron-of-honor, wore a street-length dress of blue lace. She wore a corsage of pink roses.

The bridegroom was attired in a gray suit and Herman Grothe, his attendant, wore a tan suit.

At the ceremony the special music was offered by Rev. Robert W. Olson, who sang "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer." A reception was held at 12 o'clock at the Town House for the immediate family.

Following the reception the

O'NEILL LOCALS

James ("Jim") Schueth of Elgin has joined the staff of the Council Oak store here, it was announced Monday by Store Manager Richard ("Dick") Schmidt.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Redlinger departed Monday for Panama, Calif., where they will make their home. The Redlingers held a public auction of their household goods Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jenkins and family have moved into the residence vacated by the Redlingers. Mr. Jenkins is employed by O'Neill Cleaners.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Maynard and family of Creighton were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elden Butterfield.

Miss Lois Morsbach of Inman was a Friday through Tuesday visitor in the F. S. Brittle home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Versal and son, Jerry, of Atkinson spent Sunday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Quinn.

Sunday dinner guests in the Freeman Knight home were James Bartos and family of Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bartos

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