

Prairieland Talk

Fiery Mare Bolts in to Crowd

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LINCOLN—The season of fairs, rodeos and community celebrations now drawing to a close reminds Prairieland Talker of a great affair of this nature in O'Neill more than 50 years ago. We were celebrating the Fourth.

After Judge Harrington had made the eagle scream in a stirring patriotic address, the bronco busters got busy. Unlike the present half-minute rodeo schedule, Jim Anderson, from down by Amelia, and Roscoe Moore, holling up in O'Neill, each had a ringtail snorter of a bronc to battle with and stayed in the saddle until the snorting, plunging and pitching little bundle of horseflesh had enough and calmed down with heaving sides. The block immediately west of the First Presbyterian church property at that time was vacant as was the block across the street to the north. Here was the arena for rider and horse. As is the case in contests of skill with the wildlings of nature, the exhibition drew a crowd, some in wagons, some in buggies, some aboard horses and others unencumbered by either so as to make a quick getaway if occasion required.



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And it did. Moore's mount, a fiery little mare from Joe McCaffrey's ranch supply of broncos, finding she could not toss that presumptuous guy from her back, bolted into the crowd, those on foot taking to other parts, and as a final gesture of protest plunged into Mrs. George Mellor's buggy, upset it and spilled the occupants in the street. Mrs. Mellor sustained a broken arm and some bruises. The purses for the best rider was \$25. The judges concluded it was a draw and split the \$25 between Jim and Roscoe.

When in 1835 P. T. Barnum started his career with the purchase of Joyce Heath, a Negro slave, and exhibited her over the country as a human being who had attained the age of 161 years, though she was less than 80, Americans everywhere fell for it. The game of hoodwink goes on, even reaching into the realm of public service. And the prize package of it all today is that one called "brushless" shaving device.

Four oranges for one dime. Cheer up! You may get a loaf of bread again for a dime. . . A big, husky man with a poodle on the end of a string doesn't fit into the present world picture. . . I have talked to many who are supposed to keep abreast of the times but know nothing of what is going on in the way of scientific experiments out on our Nebraska prairies and had not before heard of the disaster that took the lives of six of the air force group. . . They are paying 25 cents for four ears of sweet corn in California. That may have lured the gent from Indiana to come to Nebraska, load his truck with shelled corn at an elevator and head for California where he found a ready market for Nebraska corn. Then the gent went to Oregon for a load of lumber to peddle out on the way home. . . One lady's comment after learning of that man Kinsey's observations on the conduct of the human female: "It's none of his business."

Nebraska rates high among the states with citizens 65 years of age or older. That is not all to the credit of prairieland patriots. A lad up the street, age 11, tips the scales to 130 pounds.

Editorial

Hope--with Caution

It is, indeed, wonderful news that two-billion-dollar has been chopped off this year's deficit estimates since May. But we hope the American people are reading below the headlines on Secretary Humphrey's announcement.

For the head of the treasury department accompanied his good news with plain warnings. He thinks the United States has "turned the corner" toward a balanced budget, but he does not hesitate to point out that there is a rough road beyond the corner.

Mr. Humphrey bluntly says that the government must find new revenues to fill the gap left by lapsing taxes worth eight-billion-dollars a year. He doesn't even hesitate to use the shunned words "new taxes."

This is bitter medicine for politicians who have been talking about tax cuts. But is the kind of courageous candor that is essential if continued progress is to be made toward a balanced budget. Indeed, we wish the administration would take more positive steps to halt the dangerous assumption that the budget is going to be balanced almost automatically. A saving of about one-billion-dollars is expected soon from cessation of war in Korea, and Mr. Humphrey pointed out that commitments for defense are now turning down.

Moreover, the administration is firmly bent on further economies. Yet the battle is by no means won. The Eisenhower crowd has a great moral obligation to head the ship of state along a sound financial road. A balanced budget was one of the principal GOP campaign issues.

Not only must the usual political gravitation toward expansion and spending be resisted; ways must be found to finance new defense needs. For the next few years these may center on home defense against atomic surprise. The need is underscored by Russia's development of the hydrogen bomb. There should be no loose talk of tax cuts until this need is faced.

Woman's place is in the home. We all know that. It is an axiom as old as time. Yet when action by legislation can determine what sort of water, meat, milk and ideas flow into a home, perhaps the place of American women is in legislative halls, too.

The Human Touch

The newly-elected president of the American Medical Association has said:

"Although medical science has produced many drugs of near-miracle effectiveness in the last decade, I find that among the most potent of all medicines is still the human touch."

Here is one of the strongest of all the many arguments against socialized medicine or its variant, government dominated and directed medicine. . . Wherever these forms of medicine have been tried—and England is the best example for us Americans—the human touch has been largely destroyed. Neither doctor nor patient is any longer a free agent. The doctor must practice "by the book"—and the book is written and its rulings enforced by bureaucrats and politicians. The patient must also follow the book, and take whatever kind and quality of medical care the politicians in power decide he is to have, or do without. Doctors are overworked and the result is assembly line medicine. There is little time for

A troop ship passed through the Golden Gate and moved majestically to an unloading pier where was witnessed a scene of human pathos. A few hundred American fathers and mothers and wives with a child in arms were there on that unloading dock when sons and husbands were in the homeland once more after months and years in the clutches of communist prison camps in Korea. Emotions throbbed in human hearts and tears overflowed with joy as fathers and mothers and young wives got the first glimpse of their John or Will coming down the gangplank. Military men, hardened to the life of destroying the enemy, were touched by the depth of the pathos of that hour. The returned prisoners of war were again in the embrace of their own and then their back army pay was arranged for and provision made for their passage to their homes in distant states. And a few hundred American homes have the thrill of it all, while more than 25 thousand in desolated homes across the land will never see their boys in this life. Their bullet-riddled bodies lie in soldiers' graves.

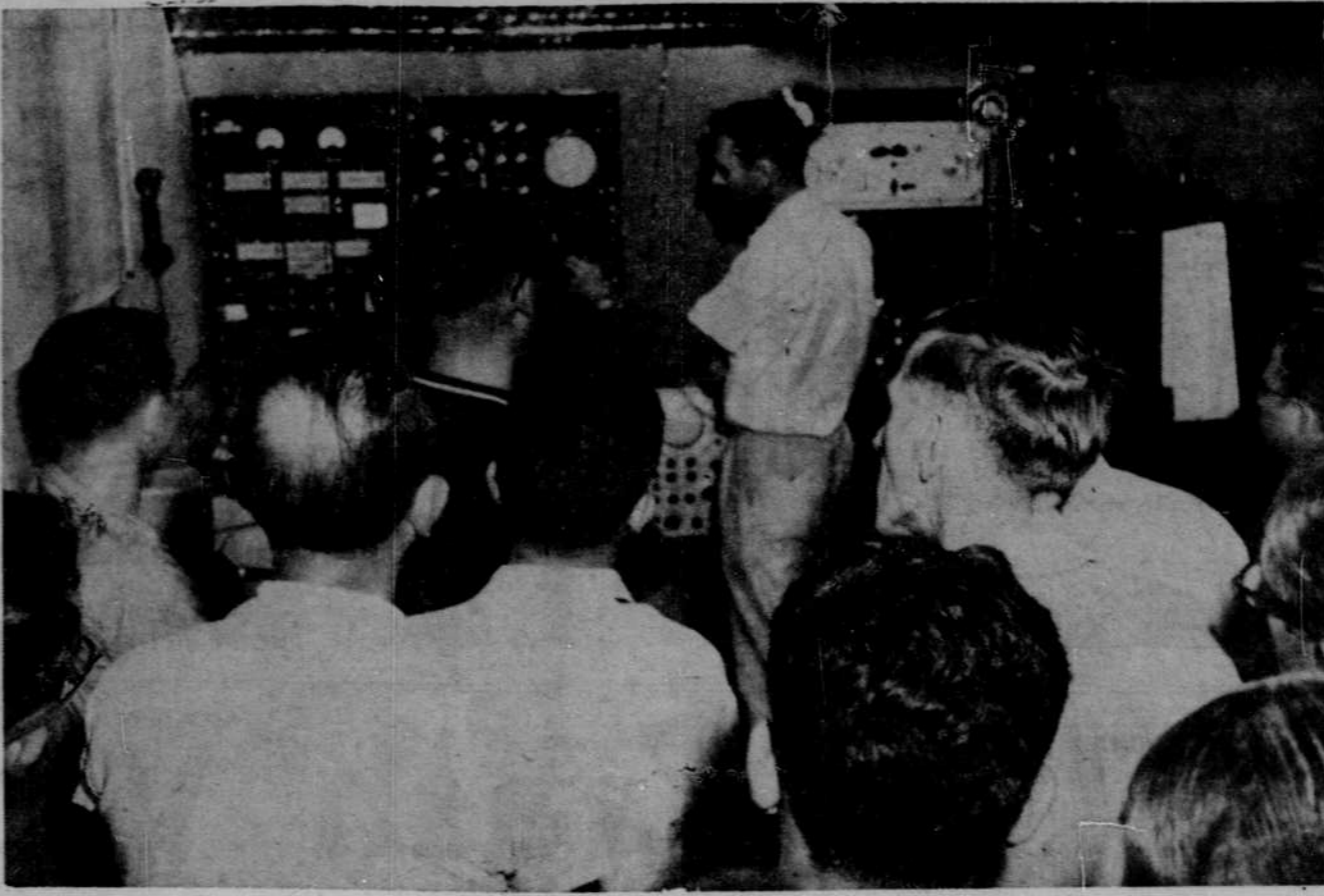
The highway into O'Neill from the south, like my early musical education, has been sadly neglected, especially a stretch approaching the south line of the county. Of course, we oldtimers who slopped through mud and water on that same highway before the introduction of concrete roads are but little disturbed over highway conditions down that way. The north-south routes under official supervision apparently get the last attention. The east-west highways carry the travel load for the most part and it seems as much of a rubber-tire problem for getting places either south or north as it once was trying to interest railroads to maintain rail lines other than east and west. There should be more traffic than there is between O'Neill and Grand Island which might be brought about by making the route more attractive in spots now neglected.

Two Mexicans up in Sioux county face first degree murder charges for killing a man in a holdup that netted them 25 cents. The record does not disclose which of the two got the two bit piece. And a misguided sister in Box Butte county has been caught \$1,800 short in her accounts as county treasurer.

The month of September has been favorable for setting records by airplane flights. On the 12th of the month in 1940, Grace Huntington set a U.S. altitude record of 24,311 feet at Burbank, Calif. On September 1, 1945, Col. J. C. Miller flew from Hawaii to Washington, D.C., nonstop, in 17 hours and 21 minutes, and on the third the official films of the Japanese surrender were flown from Tokyo, Japan, to Washington, D.C., in 31 hours and 25 minutes. Flight from Perth, Australia, to Columbus, O., was made in 55 hours and 15 minutes on September 29-October 1, 1946, and on September 15, 1948, Maj. R. L. Johnson set a new speed record of 670.98 miles per hour.

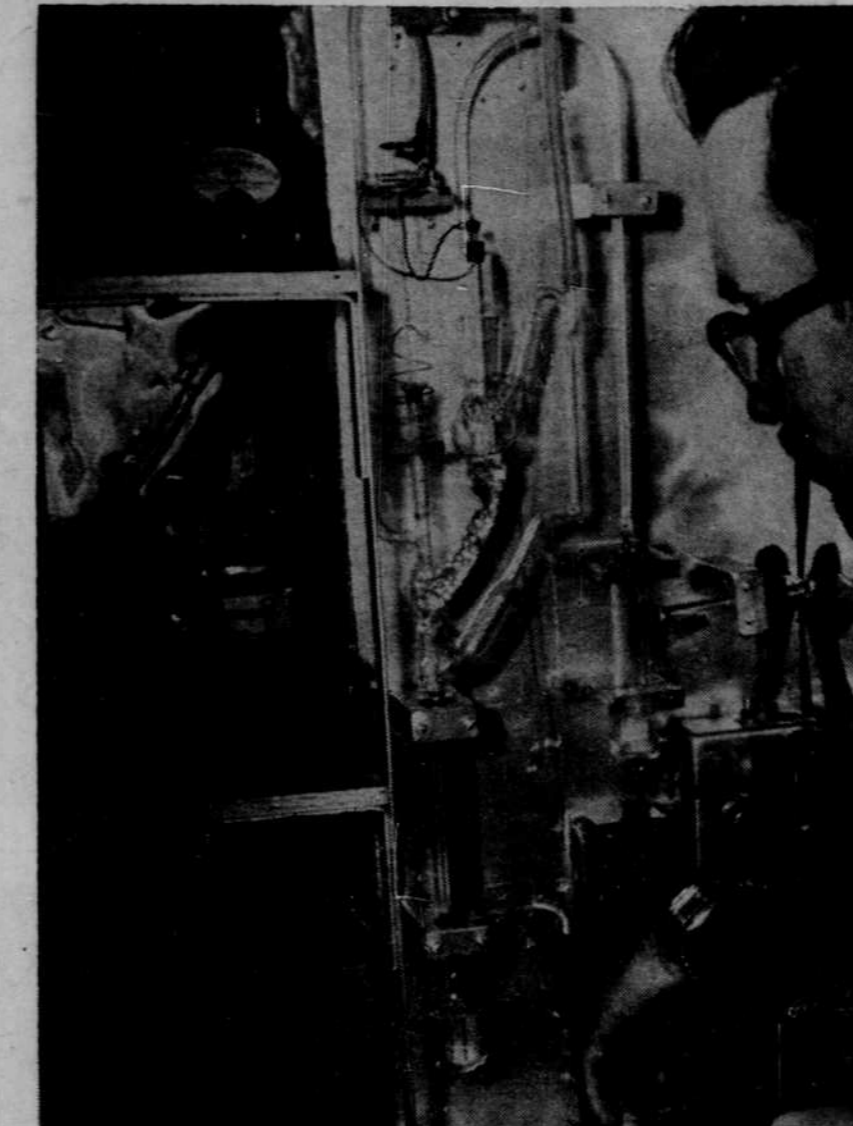
I had sat the winter night through by the bedside of a dying man in a little cabin on the western edge of O'Neill. Before the glare of another morning came silently out of the east I withdrew from that bedside:

"For dying is a game of solitaire And all men play the losing hand alone." Dust to dust, ashes to ashes—all that is left of that sufferer of that cold night in the long ago lies with numberless others up on the hill. I have sought the spot where his remains were left but they are hidden from sight in an unmarked grave.

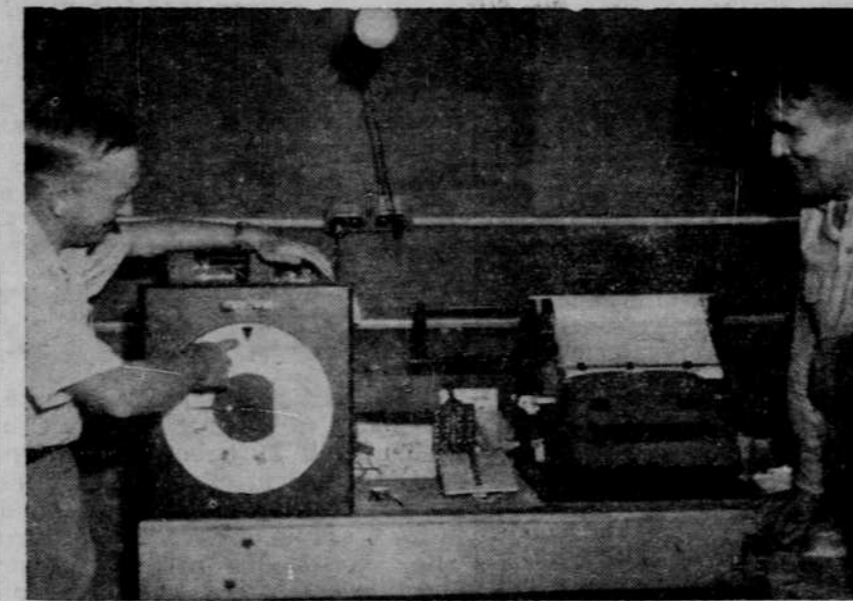


Robert Stewart, Iowa State staffer, lectures to top-drawer group of scientists on O'Neill project. Seminar was held in Iowa State's lab chiefly for the benefit of Dr. Earl Leonard

Deacon, famous British meteorologist. Iowa State is pioneering automatic computation equipment with electronics. — The Frontier Photo.



Ozone, a gas that is created at about one hundred thousand feet altitude, is sampled on a wind tower and fed into University of New Mexico's lab-trailer in glass tubes. Dr. I. G. Bowen, staff researcher, studies equipment converting gas into fluid to enable measurement. Last summer Doctor Bowen worked from an airplane studying ozone in Los Angeles' dreaded smog with similar equipment.—The Frontier Photo.



John Vehrencamp (left) and Dr. F. A. Brooks . . . University of California (Los Angeles) and U of C college of agriculture (Davis college) pool equipment and effort in one mobile laboratory. Vehrencamp measures wind "drag" (or friction) on surface; Brooks studies relationship between wind turbulence and frost.—The Frontier Photo.

O'Neill News

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Cohn returned late Monday from New York City, where they attended the funeral of Mr. Cohn's father, the late Aaron ("Pop") Cohn, who was killed Monday, August 24, in an auto-truck collision near O'Neill. Mrs. Aaron Cohn, who had been residing here with her husband, will remain for a time in the East.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Krogh and Mrs. John Krogh of Fairbault, Minn., left Tuesday after visiting in the Carl Krogh, Don McClellan and Gordon Johnson homes. Bob McClellan, who has spent three months in Fairbault, returned home with them. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don McClellan.

Miss Jean Head returned Friday from Minot, N.D., where she graduated from St. Francis school of nursing. She has accepted a position at St. Anthony's hospital.

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Officers for Young GOP Formally Named

Young republicans of Holt county held an election of officers at a meeting in O'Neill Friday, August 28, at the courthouse assembly room.

The new officers are John ("Shane") O'Neill of O'Neill, chairman; Mary Ann Kahler of Atkinson, vice-chairman; Leona Serck of Emmet, secretary; Mrs. H. D. Gidersleeve of O'Neill, assistant secretary; and Lawrence Hamik of Stuart, treasurer.

Chairman O'Neill, with the approval of the executive committee, appointed Ray Robertson of O'Neill as chairman of the research committee. Elwood Brady of Atkinson and Leona Serck were named as publicity committee. James J. Diesing, chairman of the Nebraska Young Republican organization, was the speaker.

Said Mr. Diesing, "The strength of the state organization comes from local groups like this one." "Be informed—know what is going on. A good discussion will help you find out other people's views."

Mr. O'Neill said the next meeting will be on September 25, at

8:15 p.m., in the courthouse assembly.

Amelia School Gets Cleaning

AMELIA—The Amelia school has been receiving a complete cleaning. The walls have been newly painted.

Venetian blinds have been put on all the windows. A telephone with a private line has been installed.

ROYAL THEATER

Thurs. THE STARS ARE SINGING. Color by technicolor. Starring Rosemary Clooney, Anna Maria Alberghetti, Lauritz Melchior. Family night \$1.00; adult 50c; children 12c; tax incl.

Fri.-Sat. He led Arizona's last great war on renegade rule. Universal International presents Ronald Regan in LAW AND ORDER.

Color by technicolor. Co-starring Dorothy Malone, Preston Foster, Alex Nicol and introducing Ruth Hampton. Adult 50c; children 12c; tax incl. Matinee Sat. 2:30. Children under 12 free when accompanied by parent.

Sun.-Mon.-Tues. Samuel Goldwyn's new musical wonderfilm, color by technicolor. HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN AND THE DANCER.

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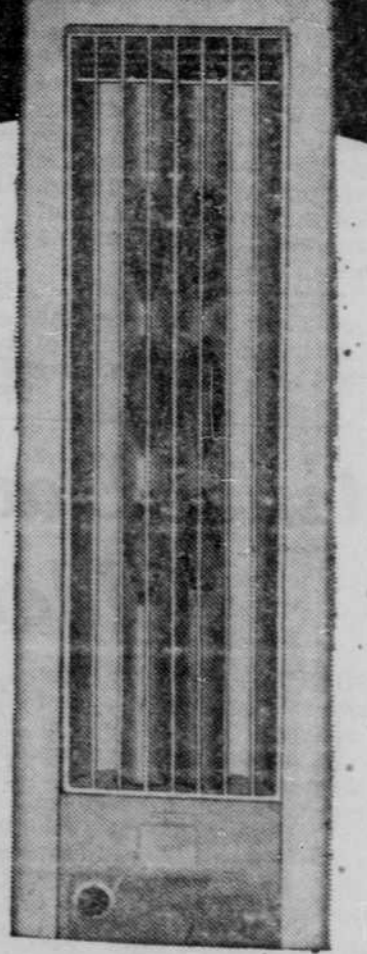
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