

Prairie Land Talk

Bland Had Discipline, Anyway

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, Retired, Former Frontier Editor

LINCOLN—I went to school this morning. A long march down the corridors of time since I sat at a school desk in a room presided over by John Bland, a tall, thin, hawk-nosed preceptor with eagle eyes who had discipline to his credit, if nothing else.

Today marked the beginning of school life for Prairie Land Talk's 5-year-old grandson, so I accompanied him for introduction into present day modes of directing the childish ideas how to shoot, starting in what is known as kindergarten.



Romaine Saunders

Teachers were there to take charge of the small fry and place them at tables where they spend a half day on the first lap of long school years ahead.

And young America in large numbers marched down the hallways this morning in a brick structure indeed a far cry from the sod schoolhouse of pioneer days. I talked with teachers and they take the responsibility placed upon them seriously.

Seated on a bench at the twilight hour that precedes the restful calm of night when the heat of that first day of the "mild September" had been hung on the hook of time, I was an early one at an open air meeting where we would hear the "Voice of Youth." And those youth were to discover how something that transcends the frivolity and pleasures of the times.

A lady sat down beside me. She had come to the open to escape the while from the confinement and heat of apartment life. We fell to talking. She was experiencing the thrill of having received that day a "big check"—not one of those old age assistance handouts, but a check for her share of last year's corn crop her renter had handed her that morning.

But listen! A young woman on the platform is speaking. We are brought back with a jolt to 1953!

Take courage. If you are a has-been there is still hope. There will gather in Omaha October 1 for a three-day "panel discussion" a group known as Freedom congress. It is the first annual session. Among the array of notables to be there and participate in the council and address the gathering will be Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, he of the silent tongue and aviation fame.

Editorial

Turbulence Project Ends

At 12:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 8, the Great Plains Turbulence Field Project came to a close.

The research, however, has only begun because the scientists are taking with them back to their laboratories voluminous data that has been recorded here since the minute study of wind and air got underway around August 1.

Perhaps several years will elapse before the full import of data gathered here will become apparent. There will be exhaustive study of the material by skilled experts, abstracts will be compared, correlations drawn. Finally, scholarly papers and summaries will be written and analyzed and only then will the true value of the O'Neill experience become known.

Some two hundred scientists, researchers, technicians and air force personnel have been headquartered in O'Neill for the greater part of the summer and there is a certain nostalgia in saying goodbye. These people have come from most of the 48 states and several foreign countries.

Their scholarly and technical backgrounds have proved interesting to most O'Neill residents. They have been a grand bunch. And we'll venture there hasn't been a single incident in which there has not been near-perfect harmony between the temporary residents and the citizens of this community. It can be said these visitors, who became an active part of our community, will be missed.

For most of them, however, it means a joyous reunion with their families and the university people will return to their campuses and prepare for the routine with which they are so familiar.

In Massachusetts, South Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, California and Wisconsin there are broken homes. Around those isolated firetrails across the country there will be no earthly reunions with wind test loved ones. In those six homes there is bereavement because six persons were killed in a helicopter crash near here July 30.

It might be comforting for the survivors to know that the O'Neill test already has been acclaimed a success, and we are reasonably sure that one day the findings here will have an effect on the lives of most of us, militarily and economically.

Police Action or War?

The United States has engaged in more than 150 punitive or police actions which have not been declared wars. Was the three-year fighting in Korea one of them?

This is more than a rhetorical or historical question, and it may be decided by the United States supreme court.

Depending on a final decision will be widows, orphans and parents of casualties who had life insurance policies that did not provide for full payment if death occurred in military service in wartime.

Since contrary decisions have been given in the Pennsylvania supreme court and the United States district court in Southern California, the United States supreme court may have to decide. The commerce clearing house, national reporting authority on tax and business law, says the Pennsylvania case has been appealed to the highest court by an insurance company after a mother's claim for double indemnity had been upheld.

Not since Florence Zink had that "grass widow" on exhibition at the state fair has this community been so well represented at the state's biggest show as comes up this year when the O'Neill Saddle club enters the arena. My state fair plans provide for a day to cast a critical eye on the horsemanship of this generation of O'Neill riders and see how it compares with that of the purchasers of an earlier generation like Hay McCune, Twn Bunnell and many others. We were all bronco busters in those days and Jim Harrington has a game leg to show for it. Ambrose Biglin is from the Wyoming ranges in recent years and he may have given club members tips on how to neck-rein a horse and place the rider's foot up to boot heel in the stirrup. There have been the sort of riders that you see at a dude ranch at the fair which would make any guy who had ridden the cattle trails snort with disgust.

Having survived for 75 years of prairie fires, lightning bolts and gunfire of the cowboys, the state fire marshal comes along and condemns that building as a "fire hazard" to the present day town of Ord. . . Are not American farmers capable of supplying the country with the products of the land without this federal setup known as PMA? While the ax is being wielded in the interests of economy by the letting out of thousands of office and departmental workers, the PMA and other alphabetic programs may well be eliminated from federal concern. . . The building on upper Fourth street that The Frontier ventures a guess as to its years of usefulness and now being torn from its moorings was built in the late 1880's by Jake Pfund and served as his grocery store. Jake came from the same town in Wisconsin the founder of The Frontier came from, but some 10 years later.

With eight columns of the Sunday paper taken up with "houses for sale" the capital city may experience either an exodus or a considerable turnover in population.

Jim McFarland, an O'Neill expert with hunting dogs a half-century ago, had a \$5,000 net worth under his care at one time, brought here from Pennsylvania to be trained for the hunt. There were many native birds on the prairie in those days, a lure to the young fellows with shotguns. Game wardens were introduced into the scene about that time. Two of them hung out in O'Neill. One day they caught the four Sullivan boys, John P., Patrick, Peter and Jerry, red-handed with 18 prairie chickens taken out of season. The boys were taken to county court, tried before a jury composed of P. J. McManus, J. P. Gallagher, James F. O'Donnell, J. H. Peeler, James Connelly and Grant Hatfield, found guilty and fined \$80.

It is reported from the communist prison zone of Korea that 320 American soldier-prisoners have fallen victims to the red propaganda and decline to come back to their native land, this horrible "capitalistic" country of free enterprise. Anyway, they will not be among us as spies for their crafty seducers. Or is it that these 320 are staying to mingle with the crimson dyed to do some spying for Uncle Sam?

This last day of August, 100 at 10 a.m., holds a slight promise of better things than the winds that have been bringing the breath of the celestial furnace for a week. Clouds float across the heavens. Those inventive Muscovites may yet come up with the solution of the problem of storing summer heat for winter use now that they have solved the H bomb riddle.

General Wainright

Not to many men comes so grim and heart-breaking a duty as that which descended upon Gen. Jonathan M. Wainright on beleaguered Bataan. And not to many are given such appropriate compensations during their lifetime.

To accept as he did, on that black March 11, 1942, without question or twinge of resentment, the bleak mission of commanding a hopeless—albeit not futile—last stand with certain surrender and imprisonment at the end of it, and to carry out that mission unflinchingly, bespeaks a man both brave and at peace with himself.

And for General Wainright to survive both siege and prison camp, to participate in accepting the surrender of Japan on the deck of the Missouri, to receive personally the capitulation of the Philippines from the very officer to whom he himself had surrendered on Corregidor, and to have the nation's highest award, the congressional medal of honor, bestowed upon him at the hands of the president of the United States, writes an epic of poetic justice that will not soon be forgotten.

The landslide victory of West Germany's Chancellor Konrad Adenauer is the most encouraging news in many months from the European continent. The West Germans defied Soviet threats, threw communists out of the lower house of parliament and generally slapped a nazi comeback. Jolly good work, we say.

Was that Hebrew prophet looking down the centuries and getting a view of 1953 airplanes when he wrote in 700 B.C.: Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?



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When You and I were Young . . . Ex-Russian Officer

Here for Lecture Sheriff Hall Sports New Buggy

50 Years Ago

The examination of candidates for appointment to West Point military academy held at Kearney last week resulted in the appointment of Owen Mededeth of O'Neill as principal and Merle Kilme, also of O'Neill, as alternate. . . Fred Griffen, 14-year-old boy with a distressing accident while raking hay. He was driving a more or less fractious team of horses and they ran away with him. He was thrown from the seat and caught in the rake and dragged for quite a distance. The boy was severely cut and torn. . . The Masonic fraternity of this city has secured the services of Capt. S. Alberti, an ex-officer in the Russian army, to give his famous lecture "Through Russia and Siberia as an Officer in Exile" . . . M. F. Cronin has resigned as "managing editor" of a threshing crew and has gone to Stuart to assist on the Ledger temporarily. . . J. P. Gallagher is considering the advisability of erecting a residence just north of J. H. Meredith's home in the western part of town. . . Sheriff Hall has a sparkling new buggy with red wheels, and his spotted ponies betray a conscious pride of something new behind them. . . Father Isadore, better known in O'Neill as Richard Dwyer, arrived in this city from the East on a visit. He has been missionary to South America for a number of years. . . The Alliance Herald is boasting of 10-foot corn stalks in Box Butte county. That's probably pretty big for Box Butte. Come up to Holt and we'll show you some 14-footers.

20 Years Ago

Albert C. Carson of Walnut and Miss Emma K. Urwin of Creighton were united in marriage by Rev. H. D. Johnson at the Presbyterian manse last Saturday. . . A total of 800 attended the Holt county fair on opening day in this city. . . John Miskimmons has been appointed appraiser for the Omaha Federal Land Bank and has been working in Dixon county for the past week. The great demand for loans has compelled the bank to add several new appraisers to their pay roll in order to handle the increased business. It is said that real estate business is picking up a little. . . John Kersensbrock, Frank Pruss, Joe Cuddy and Jack Honeycutt went down to Bartlett last evening and took in the night baseball game played there. . . Labor day, outside of banks and other public buildings being closed, the day was no different from any other. . . George Bressler traded his stock of goods to Charles Hartford of Page for a 160-acre farm in Knox county. . . Holt relatives received word of the death of Mrs. James McWhorter at her home at Foster. . . Nob Uhl purchased the Clarence Summerman residence in the southeastern part of the city and expects to make his home there.

10 Years Ago

Holt county's quota in the third war loan drive is a large figure when viewed by the individuals, but when distributed among 16,000 people it is not at all impossible to attain. The quota for the drive opening today is \$866,400. . . Lt. Nadine Coyne of the medical department of the United States army, has arrived to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Coyne. A successful one-day golf tournament was held at the Country club. The tournament was won by A. P. Jazkowiak, who defeated George Lightner of St. Edward. . . Mrs. Sarah Hull celebrated her 88th birthday anniversary. . . Football practice started at St. Mary's academy. Coach Amburnot is back this year. Father Brick will assist with Joe Biglin as student manager. . . Cattle buyers are looking over herds out this way with an eye to get some good foundation stock to build from. Few if any buyers are looking for feeders. . . Attorney John Wear and a party of friends from Omaha was in the city, in the ownership of a ranch in Wheeler county and he put in a few days looking after his interests there. . . At 11:30 a.m., September 8, 1943, it was announced by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower that all the armed forces in Italy have surrendered unconditionally to the Allies. . . Mr. and Mrs. Ray Carr have purchased a residence in Spencer and expect to move shortly. They recently sold their ranch near Midway to Orville Miller.

One Year Ago

A try for oil in the bowels of

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Holt's county's rolling farm country has gone the way of similar efforts of other years. No soap. Lloyd J. Twibell and associates, who hold oil leases over an extensive area in the Page and Orchard communities, made an earnest effort, but the try was abortive at the Neil Asher farm. . . Lightning struck at the Clifford Wells place Wednesday, September 3, while they were at the Spencer fair. The bolt splintered several boards, and shingles and broke the window. . . O'Neill and Atkinson firemen battled a grass fire on the D. C. Schaffer property, three miles southwest of here, for three hours. Seventeen haystacks were destroyed and the fire swept across about 100 acres of grassland. . . A 23-year-old Omaha nurse and her mother, both known as O'Neill, died as the result of two highway accidents. Miss Loretta Berkenrotter of Denver, Colo., was fatally injured on highway 30 west of Fremont with the car in which she was riding went out of control and collided with a truck. Meanwhile, her mother, Mrs. G. F. Berkenrotter, of Denver, was rushing to her daughter's bedside. West of Kearney, the son, Richard, was blinded by the early morning sun and crashed into the rear of a stalled truck. Mrs. Berkenrotter died instantly.

O'NEILL LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. George Peterson and children and Francis Clark of Grand Island spent the weekend visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Donohoe and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Nissen and children returned to their home in Ogallala on Monday. Mrs. Nissen and the children had spent a week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hynes, and attending the funeral of her cousin, Austin Hynes and children. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fuhrer, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Murphy and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Curran spent Monday in Pickstown, S.D., and at the Ft. Randall dam.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Hynes of Portland, Ore., left last Thursday for Chicago, Ill., where they are spending a week visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. George Myner. They will return for a longer visit here.

Bill Hynes and son, Mrs. Floyd Rhinhardt and Mrs. Frank Skradski, all of Omaha, attended the funeral of Sgt. Austin Hynes and children Tuesday, September 1.

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Ewing Bride-Elect Shower Recipient

EWING—Miss Dorothy Black, a September bride-elect, was honored by her friends and relatives at a miscellaneous shower on Monday evening, August 31, at Sanders cafe. Fifty friends and relatives gathered.

Household hints were given by each to Miss Black followed by a list of "probable" duties to be found by the housewife of 1963. This and other games provided entertainment in charge of Miss Bernadine Sanders and Miss Marilyn Weyhrich.

The bride-elect was invited to the long serving counter of the cafe, which was filled with gift packages. The honored guest discovered in each an article which will help furnish her new home. Miss Florence Van Ostrand had charge of the gift book.

Ice cream, cake, coffee and iced tea were served as refreshments.

The committee in charge of the entire shower were classmates of Miss Black in the senior class of 1954 of the Ewing school. They are Bernadine Sanders, Marilyn Weyhrich, Judy Jeffries, Sandra Dierks, Jeanne Welke and Florence Van Ostrand.

Other Ewing News

Merle Lee and his sister, Mrs. Harold Brown, both from Omaha, visited Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Daggett of Lake Andes, S.D., from Tuesday, September 1, to Thursday. They were also guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hawk and sons of Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. George Nickolite, accompanied by Mrs. Joe Tomjack, Mrs. Siloski and Mrs. Uzendoski, spent Sunday in Fullerton.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Sanders and daughter, Bernadine, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Bahms and son, Jerome, spent Sunday at Pickstown, S.D. A picnic dinner was enjoyed.

Julie and Carolyn Craig, who have been guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Walker and family, returned to their home in Norfolk on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Loebe of Stanton were overnight guests on Monday, August 31, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Larsen. Mr. Larsen, who has been on a business trip to Wood, S.D., returned home the same evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Zeims went to Norfolk on Sunday

where they attended a reunion at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Marquardt. The Misses Sally Ann Christian and Altha Lou Miller began their teaching duties at district 35, a two-teacher school on Tuesday, September 1. Miss Christian will instruct the four upper grades while Miss Miller will have charge of the four lower grades. Miss Miller taught last year in the Ewing public school. Miss Christian was a second-year student at Sterling college, Sterling, Kans., last year.

Change Made in Fall Concert

In place of the two piano team there will be a concert pianist and violinist, who will assist Marylee Myers, soloist, in a concert here in October, to be sponsored by the Methodist men for the benefit of the church building fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Schneider and family of Columbus spent the labor day weekend visiting Mrs. Schneider's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Langan.

ROYAL THEATER

Thurs. Sept. 10. SALLY AND SAINT ANNE. Starring Ann Blyth, Edmundo Gwenn, with John McIntire, Palmer Lee, Hugh O'Brien, Kathleen Hughes. Family night \$1; adult 50c; children 12c; tax incl.

Fri.-Sat. Sept. 11-12. Big Double Bill YOU FOR ME. Peter Lawford, Jane Greer, Gig Young. — also — THE MARSHAL'S DAUGHTER. Starring Laurie (I like the open spaces) Anders and Hoot Gibson with Ken Murray. Adult 50c; children 12c; tax incl. Matinee Sat. 2:30. Children under 12 free when accompanied by parent.

Sun.-Mon.-Tues. Sept. 13-14-15. Ann Sheridan and Sterling Hayden in TAKE ME TO TOWN. Color by technicolor, with Philip Reed, Lee Patrick, Lee Aaker. The rip-roaring saga of a timber town gal. . . the fun she had and the men she fooled! Adult 50c; children 12c; tax incl. Matinee Sun. 2:30. Children under 12 free when accompanied by parents.



Dr. Edw. J. Norwood, O.D. Ophthalmologist, from Crawford, Nebraska, will be in O'Neill on SEPTEMBER 14 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. At the Hotel Golden Glasses Properly Fitted Eyes Scientifically Examined

Advertisement for Westinghouse Laundry Twins. Features a woman holding two babies and a washing machine. Text includes: 'Here Come the Twins!', 'Westinghouse proudly announces the arrival of another set of Twins . . . a new LAUNDROMAT Automatic Washer and a new Electric CLOTHES DRYER!', 'They're identically styled . . . with many work, time, and money-saving features . . . yet at new low prices!', 'The Laundromat is completely automatic, full-sized, with convenient large loading door on slanting front, plus Agi-Tumble washing action!', 'The Electric Clothes Dryer is also full-sized, completely automatic and features faster drying by direct air flow system . . . plus ease of loading and unloading.', 'The same high quality that has made Westinghouse world famous is built into every part to assure lasting satisfaction and performance. These new prices are the lowest in Westinghouse history! See these low priced bargains in Better Electric Living today!', 'See your nearest Consumers Public Power District office today for full details on the "Twins for Twins" offer!', 'CONSUMERS PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT', 'It's coming again! BLESSED EVENT DAY! September 23, 1953. Yes, once again it's "Twins for Twins" on September 23! To the mothers of twins, Westinghouse will deliver a brand new set of Laundromat automatic Laundry Twins. The model 215-7 Laundromat and the model 205-7 Electric Clothes Dryer. FREE! (This offer is good only in the United States and Hawaii)'. 'Stop Taking Harsh Drugs for Constipation. Avoid Intestinal Upset! Get Relief This Gentle Vegetable Laxative Way! For constipation, never take harsh drugs. They cause brutal cramps and griping, disrupt normal bowel action, make restlessness, loss of sleep. Get new but gentle relief when you are temporarily constipated. Take Dr. Caldwell's Senna Laxative contained in Syrup Pepsin. No salts, no harsh drugs. Dr. Caldwell's contains an extract of Senna, one of the finest natural vegetable laxatives known to medicine. Dr. Caldwell's Senna Laxative tastes good, gives gentle, comfortable, satisfying relief for every member of the family. Helps you get "on schedule" without repeated doses. Even relieves stomach sourness that constipation often brings. Buy Dr. Caldwell's 3oz size today. Money back if not satisfied. Mail bottle to Box 280, New York 18, N. Y.'