

Prairie Land Talk

"We Printers Stay With It"

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I saw him yesterday, stopped to say hello. He was over to the Capital City from his home in Hastings. And then O'Neill was mentioned. He was going to be there in a day or two on his way to Lynch and would think of Prairie Land Talker as he stopped for a time in the thriving city of O'Neill. Mr. Harte is in the flooring business and goes to Lynch to floor a school building. . . . And a printer friend came to see me when he learned that I as a lad lived in the same community in southern Wisconsin that he came from to Nebraska. Mr. Rocky has been to Holt county a number of times and a brother of his was once the manager of the Golden ranch of the Ewing community. My printer friend does but little now at his trade, being 77 years of age. Yet at times called to work at a linotype at night setting the stuff that goes into Lincoln's morning paper. Yes, we printers and newspaper guys live long and stay with it.



Romaine Saunders

The headline reads, "Ask for Stiff Fund Hike." What it tries to get across is that the boss at the state industrial school at Milford demands more money to run the institution or a cut in enrollment will be necessary if the legislature does not vote the "more money." More money! Everybody wants it—moreover, at about everybody needs it.

Mr. Kennedy has selected the members of his incoming cabinet. But here comes another state, the great state of Texas, switching the electoral vote to Mr. Nixon. Vice president may be president yet.

Again I reach a hand across the land and hope for all friends who read Prairie Land Talk the merriest of the Christmas season.

Among those who sent me birthday and holiday greetings a good letter came from Mr. and Mrs. George Mellor whose postoffice is Spencer but their home south of the Niobrara river in lovely northern Holt county. And with their cordial greetings they turn back the pages of time to two years ago when Prairie Land Talker was a guest at the Old Settlers picnic. A gracious word and kindly thanks for my little talk at that picnic assembly of patriots who settled in that community. Good letters, too, from Mrs. Barnett of Amelia and Mrs. Brown of Atkinson touching memories of the past. And then again from Seattle, Wash., kindly greetings from Mr. and Mrs. Segelman, one time citizens of O'Neill who have treasured memories of life here. And who doesn't who have walked up and down Fourth street, traveled the green robed landscape and plucked a prairie rose! So good to hear from all these dear friends, and may heaven's Guiding Hand be with them.

Editorial

You, Too, Can Raise A Delinquent

Juvenile delinquency, as FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and others emphasize, becomes a graver problem all the time—both in the extent of the crimes committed by juveniles, and in the crime's seriousness. If you, as a parent want to join the parade and raise a delinquent, there are certain rules to follow. Frank Brabant, an authority on the subject, who lectures around the country, recently listed them. Here are a few:

From infancy onward give the child everything he wants, so that he'll grow up thinking the world owes him a living. Don't give him any spiritual training. Avoid use of the word "wrong"—it may give him a guilt complex. Do everything for him, so that he'll become accustomed to throwing all responsibility on to others. Give him all the spending money he wants, and never insist that he earn any of his own. Satisfy his every craving and sensual desire after all, denial may frustrate him. Take his part against neighbors, teachers and the police. When he gets into real trouble, apologize by saying, "I never could do anything with him."

These rules aren't hard to follow and abide by great numbers of parents have, as surging juvenile delinquency shows. You, too, can produce a delinquent, simply and easily. The authority adds one more observation: "Prepare for a life of grief. You will be apt to have it."

How Far Can We Go?

Pierce Leader

The Nebraska State Education delegates assembly in Lincoln passed several resolutions that might be best described as "leaving the taxpayers' mouths gaping in wonder."

Here is one example in the following resolution:

Asking the federal government to come up with an unspecified amount of financial help, to be given without any federal ear-marking or control.

It's just a short time until Christmas . . . but the age old myth of Santa Claus is only for children. Federal aid for schools will never come as a gift from Santa Claus, if federal aid to schools ever becomes a fact it will come with more strings attached to it than a homemade rag rug.

Here is another resolution passed by the delegates of Nebraska teaching profession:

Recommending the state provide financial aid to local school districts at a rate of \$100 per pupil.

No mention is made of a state sales tax or a state income tax or a combination of both, yet this resolution means a broader tax base. Can you imagine any farm owner or tenant helping to seek a state sales tax when his local school district of maybe four or five students may get a tax relief of only \$400 or \$500 dollars per year?

Another resolution passed that would bring chaos to the state school systems is as follows:

As adopted, the Delegate Assembly's resolution puts the NSEA on the record as favoring redistricting of the entire state so that every school is in a K-12 (Kindergarten through high school) district by September 1, 1965.

No group . . . educators, taxpayers or any other organization with good leadership would endorse such a resolution. A mere suggestion of compulsory K-12 school districts in Nebraska by a specific date of September 1, 1965 is not constructive criticism of any problem that may exist.

Miss Lindsey down at Amelia gives Frontier readers the story of life down there where the flowing wells continue to flow. The people of that community are friendly. In parts of the world today there is strife and hatred among mankind. But not so down by Amelia. Friend greets friend. Neighbor visits neighbor. A smile and welcoming hand for the stranger. Miss Florence has a "nose" for news. Keep it up, gifted lady.

Snow and ice in parts of prairie land. Sun shines bright in the cloudless heavens, no snow or ice in the Capital City as our state senators gather here today to vote themselves a raise in pay.

Wash day—clothes hang out on the line to dry, clean and white. And then the housewife goes to it to get us something so we can eat a bite.

For some days after the event that marked Prairie Land Talker as an Old Timer letters and greetings came from friends at O'Neill and from down there in the beautiful flowing well country in and about Amelia. And again a word from Ethel Hammer out at Parma, Ida. Mrs. Hammer and her husband were citizens of Chambers and published the Chambers Sun. The Sun has long since set and Mr. Hammer is no more, but Ethel keeps going and is doing nursing in a hospital. And my esteemed friends the Leidys down in Arkansas send me greetings. They too are from O'Neill and we would like to have them back here again. Mrs. Summers, an O'Neill girl and daughter of one of the DeYarman brothers, sends me cordial greetings from her home in East Orange, N. J. It is heart warming to have greetings from friends. And from a business concern over in Omaha came a surprising word of greeting. The manager of that business place had seen my picture and read the story in Lincoln's morning paper; wrote me that in a troubled world and the daily stories of disaster it was so good to see the story about old man Prairie Land Talker.

We met in John's barber shop, he a son of the soil from his farm home some 15 miles out. He has been at the farm home where he was born for 60 years, told me the past season was the most fruitful for crop production in all those years.

Senator Frank Nelson was in Lincoln last week for the special session of the legislature. Mrs. Nelson came with him from their Holt county ranch home and while Frank was on the job in Lincoln Mrs. Nelson spent the week at the home of Frank's sister near Omaha. The senator brought with him a collection of pictures of some of their grandchildren that Mrs. Nelson had got together for Christmas gifts and among them was the picture of Grandma Hull taken on her 105th birthday anniversary of which Prairie Land Talker was especially glad to see. Senator Nelson will be back in Lincoln next month for the regular session of the legislature.

This is clearly a resolution of spite against the activities of the anti-reorganization organization. You need not agree with the opposition in any question but this is the United States and both sides of any question is entitled to its thoughts.

Here is one more thoughtless resolution:

Requesting the Legislature to enact a statutory fire code and establish a state plan of fire insurance for school buildings.

State education officials have been opposing safety regulations as required by the Nebraska Fire Marshal's office . . . the educators feel they are better qualified to establish fire regulations than the trained men in the Fire Marshal's office. It would be just as fitting and proper if the Fire Marshal's office would decide to try and establish a set of teacher certifications for Nebraska educators.

The resolutions as adopted by the Nebraska State Education Ass'n delegate assembly did accomplish one thing . . . the high esteem held by the public of the teaching profession dropped 25 percent in the last few days.

The state educator's organization lost a lot of prestige in just a few days that will take years to restore in Nebraska.

All In The Wording

Dakota County Star

We maintain that a good segment of Nebraska voters are uninformed.

We believe we have a case against them, judging from the results of the 1958 and 1960 elections. The proposition of a much-needed raise in salary for members of the Nebraska Legislature was advanced to the voters in each of the last two general elections in the form of constitutional amendments.

In 1960, Nebraska voters approved a constitutional amendment which provided: "Each member of the Legislature shall receive a salary of not to exceed \$200 per month during the term of his office." That means that legislators can, and probably will, receive \$2,400 a year.

Going back to 1958, however, we find that Nebraska voters soundly defeated a constitutional amendment which proposed that: "Aggregate salaries of all members shall be \$75,000 per annum, divided equally among the members and payable in such manner and at such times as shall be provided by law." The amendment would have paid the 43 legislators \$1,741.86 a year.

The legislators receive \$872.50 annually at present, which is far too little. But why was an increase to \$1,741.86 defeated in 1958, yet an increase to \$2,400 approved in 1960?

The reason isn't because Nebraska voters in two years, suddenly became over-generous. It was just that voters were "fopled" into voting an increase for state senators.

How was this done?

The ballot, in 1958, read as follows: "Constitutional Amendment to change the salary of members of the Legislature."

In 1960, the ballot read: "Constitutional Amendment to provide that each member of the Legislature shall receive a salary of not to exceed \$200 per month."

Through a simple procedure of changing the wording on the ballot, Nebraska voters were led into approving a salary raise in 1960, far greater than that which was defeated in 1958.

Apparently it takes a little skulduggery to obtain that which is needed from Nebraska voters.

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

Guy Freen and Romaine Saunders were up from their Wheeler county ranches Monday. The boys brought up a load of hay stuffed with potatoes. Guy wanted to bring some potatoes to O'Neill and to get them here without freezing was the problem. So they finally decided to put the potatoes in the center of the load of hay and thus bring them to town. They did so and made the thirty mile trip without a potato even getting a chill. . . . A goodly number of old friends and neighbors met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Kendall to help them celebrate their 60th anniversary Dec. 15, 1910. . . . Patrick Shea, who has been holding down a homestead near Buffalo, S. D., the past two years, arrived in the city last Thursday and will spend the winter visiting relatives and friends here. "Buck" says that things are fairly prosperous in that section but that he prefers to winter where the winter is not quite as severe and where he can get to see a railroad train occasionally.

25 YEARS AGO

At the meeting of the County Board last Tuesday they sold the county jail building to Jake Harley and Ed Pavel, both of Chambers, for \$200, this being the best offer received for the property. They are to have the building torn down and removed on or before February 1, 1936. . . . Camp fires built for warming and often cooking purposes along the river here constitute a danger not realized by many who never witnessed a prairie fire. . . . Last Saturday night, or nearly Sunday morning, an oil transport went into the ditch north of this city while going down the Liddy hill and was badly damaged. The transport was loaded with gas for South Dakota. . . . To fill the vacancy in the position of postmaster in this city, the United States Civil Service Commission has announced, at the request of the Postmaster General and in accordance with an order of the President, an open competitive examination.

10 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. John Kenny will hold a reception for their friends at the Knights of Columbus hall on Sunday, December 24—marking their golden wedding anniversary. . . . The eyesight of Eileen Wagman, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wagman, of Atkinson will not be impaired as a result of injuries suffered when struck in the left eye with an air rifle shot. . . . Radio's well-known "Stop the Music" nationwide program was focused on O'Neill for a short time Sunday night. But Burt Parks, master of ceremonies, and the melody, "The Night Is Young", stumped H. L. Lindberg, O'Neill businessman. For failing to identify the tune, he lost a chance to win an elaborate luggage outfit. . . . Mrs. Anna Carson left early Wednesday, December

Help Fight TB



Use Christmas Seals

20, for Odessa, N. Y., where she will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. W. T. Beattie. She will arrive in Odessa late today (Thursday) traveling by rail.

5 YEARS AGO

George Rock will be 94 years old today (Thursday). A longtime resident of the Redbird community, he now resides at the Masonic home at Plattsmouth. . . . A seven-year-old Bristow boy, who was a polo victim three years ago, and has been wearing braces on his left leg most of the time since, fractured the weak leg Saturday afternoon while riding a sled at his home. He is Charlie Prokop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Prokop. . . . A five-county rural telephone group Wednesday was notified a \$45-thousand-dollar loan has been authorized in Washington, D. C., by the rural electrification administration. The Board County Telephone company headquarters at Lynch. . . . Dr. and Mrs. H. D. Gildersleeve and family left Sunday night by train for California to spend the holidays. The Gildersleeves plan to attend the Rose Bowl football game. . . . Deaths: Mrs. Thomas Murray, 67, a lifelong O'Neill resident; Joseph A. Miller, 96, Nebraska homesteader.

The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO

Ervin Crotty came in on the stage today on a visit to his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Baldwin. . . . Clair Grimes was on the sick list Monday but is now able to continue his school. . . . The collector of weather samples could have gathered nearly a full set during the past 24 hours. . . . A rain storm yesterday, and a snow storm has stopped the work on the new addition to Smith Bros. store. . . . Mrs. Ben Earl will commence teaching school in the Thompson district the first of the year. . . . Don't forget that we pay the very highest prices for farm produce. Eggs 30c per dozen, butter 25c per pound. Call, look around and get our prices whether you wish to buy or not. Smith Bros. . . . During the first week in January next we will open an absolutely new stock of general merchandise in the store room formerly occupied by F. M. Boyce. The stock will consist of Dry Goods, Shoes and Groceries. Raymond Atwood.

25 YEARS AGO

A pre-holiday wedding was solemnized between the hours of five and six o'clock Saturday, Dec. 14, 1935 when Miss Mary Ruth Pleck and Mr. Lysie Archie Wright were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. . . . Mrs. Oscar Fullerton had the misfortune to fall on some ice Monday of last week, hurting her spine. She was taken to her sisters home near Atkinson and returned home Sunday. . . . John Kohlman of Stuart was recently announced as the Holt County Pasture Contest winner. He gave a short talk over WIAG at Norfolk Sunday, Dec. 15 at 1:45 p.m. . . . The Dashing Demons basketball team again proved to be the better team in an encounter with St. Joseph December 13. It was a hard victory, for the boys had to exert themselves to the best of their ability to win by even the narrow margin they did, which was 11-10. St. Joe took the lead at first and the score at the half was in their favor, 8-4.

"The EDITOR"

We noticed an advertisement in the Pender paper advertising free beer delivery to your home. We also read in the Thurston county court notes where a common fine for intoxication is 20 days in the county jail, two out of every three days on bread and water. Wonder how this combination works in combating the problem of intoxication among the Indian population in Thurston county?

Some people's idea of celebrating the holidays is to have a Christmas they'll never forget and a New Year's Eve they can't remember.

Dr. James Bonner, noted biologist of the California Institute of Technology, paints this rosy picture for the future: In 175 years the world population will grow from today's 2.7 billion to 50 billion. At that time, Dr. Bonner says, "one could not afford the luxury" of maintaining animals because "all edible material would have to go down the throats of hungry people."

And in only 700 years, Dr. Bonner believes, there would literally be "standing room only" in the world.

Now we don't know whether to be afraid that the world will come to an end, or that it won't.

One of the novelties of Robert Fulton's steam-powered warship, Demologos, constructed in 1815, was that it could discharge 100 gallons of boiling water a minute at the on-coming enemy. That puts it in about the same class as some of the recent missiles that Uncle Sam has been trying to get off the ground.

And in this same cheerful vein we offer this little quote from Samuel L. Clemens: "Most people are bothered by those passages of scripture they do not understand; but the passages that bother me are those I DO understand."

Homemakers Corner . . .

By Catherine Indra Home Extension Agent

From Our Various Specialists

Some suggestions you may find helpful during the holiday season. By now, you may have your tree up. If not, perhaps you will want to fire proof it and any other greens you plan to use in decorating your home. Greens close to lighted candles or electric lights should be treated. To fireproof the greens mix a solution of 9 oz. of borax, 4 oz. of borac acid and 1 gallon of water. Spray this on your tree, thoroughly covering every branch.

Christmas Centerpiece

For a Christmas centerpiece that is different, try a dramatic fruit arrangement. Look about your house for an unusual container that might hold fruit. You might try a basket on its side, a huge brandy snifter, punch bowl, Lazy Susan or a glass cake stand.

Select the prettiest fruits in the market, not forgetting such unusual ones as kumquats, persimmons and pomegranates. Include a few out-of-season items and look for extras such as dates, nuts and dried apricots. Trim with waxy green leaves or pine branches.

Perhaps you would like an arrangement down the length of the table. On a row of pine branches, group red, white and green grapes. Scatter walnuts, brazil nuts, pecans or almonds over the top.

Children's Toys

From the National Safety Council comes a special precaution at this time of year to buy children's toys for safety. Check those you have purchased to see if they meet these requirements.

Do You Know Your Neighbor?

"Know Your Neighbor" is not a contest. There are no prizes given for correctly identifying the person pictured. The only reward is the satisfaction of knowing your neighbor.



Last week's Guess Who was Delbert Robertson of the Robertson Motor Company in O'Neill.



What's your guess as to the identity of this O'Neill business person.

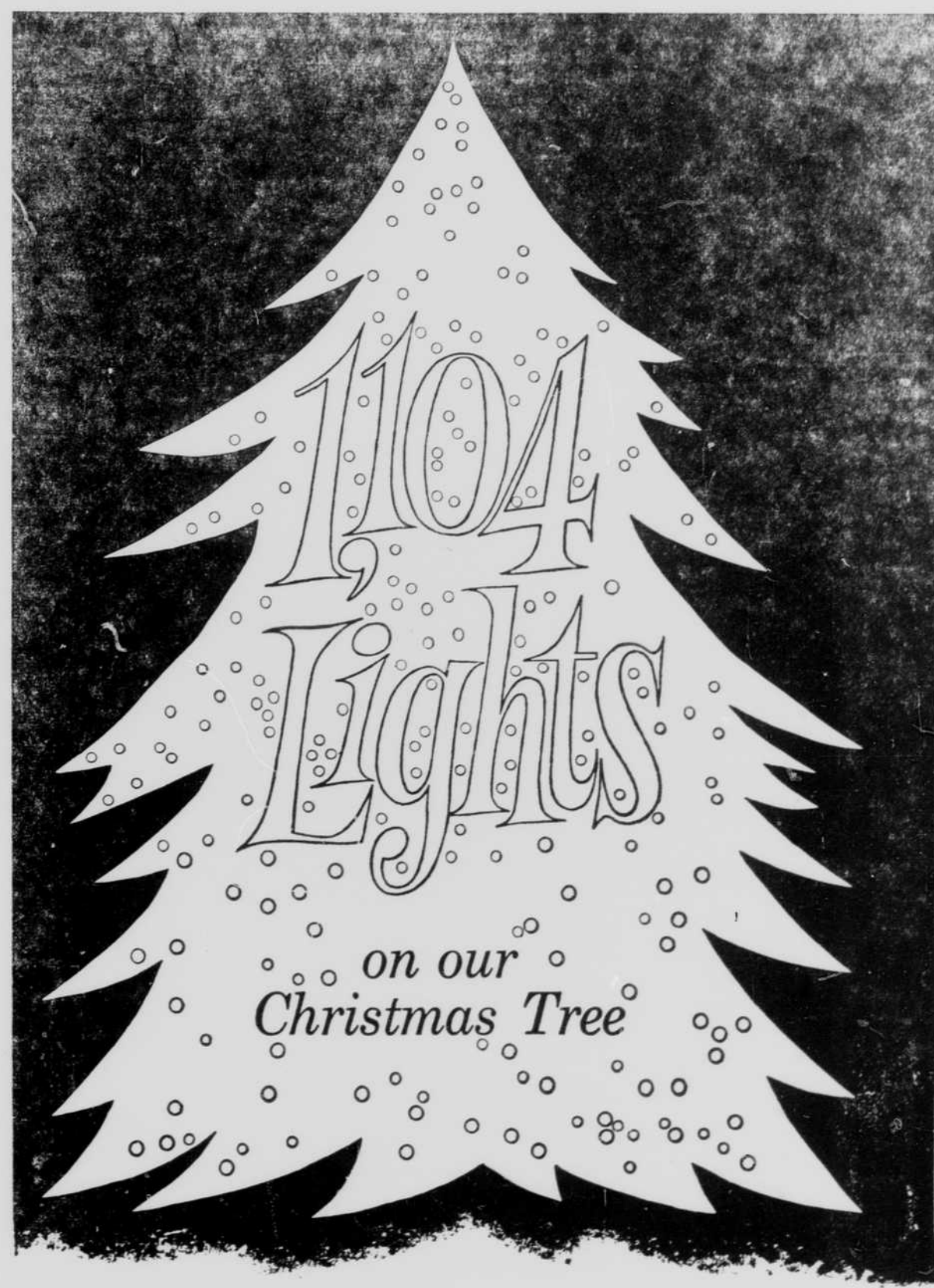
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O'Neill, Nebraska



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