

Prairie Land Talk

"The City Lives On"

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I see by the Spalding Enterprise, which a friend who takes the paper let me have, that a Frank O'Neill, a native of that community had died. It was General John O'Neill who got things going down there in Greeley county when he brought a colony there and started the town of Spalding about the year or soon after that he started things here in Holt county. A colony of natives from Ireland and a village and community called O'Neill got going to make history and has become the fine city by the crystal flowing waters of the Elkhorn river, the river of story and legend of frontier days. Frank O'Neill, who died down there in Spalding, may or may not have traced his ancestry to the noted General O'Neill family. Our town up here by the Elkhorn had at one time a son and a daughter of General O'Neill, and also a gent by that name not related to the general who founded and ran the Commercial hotel on lower Fourth street. And there was that Irish sage of northern Holt county Hugh O'Neill, a statesman, master of literature and authority on human history. But Hugh met his undoing along these lines when he ran into the late Pastor Ohmart of this city. But the name O'Neill lives on and the city of its founder is north-central Nebraska's best.



Romaine Saunders

He is of the third generation, not yet come to the 21st mile stone along life's highway. Yet clean of soul, a mind for solving life's problems and a hand that do life's jobs. He will lead the charming young Miss of his choice to the marriage altar. Why, it's the way with us creatures of earth—in love. Love. What is love. Just two souls that feel as one, and two hearts that beat as one. So I will give my grandson and his bride the glad hand—with one of those bits of paper money in it.

Out one couple go from the White House. In another couple go through the White House door. So it has been since the time of George Washington.

Our governor is education minded, the money needs or supposed needs of the state University being about his first concern as he comes into office. State senators now on the job at the statehouse look with disfavor on the appeal of the governor in behalf of the university.

The headline reads, "Modern cars for every purpose to fit every purse." No, not to fit every purse but to empty every purse. They both earn money, husband and wife, and now comes the 1961 call for \$125 taxes and insurance on their "modern car." But we can not return to horse and wagon times, as much as you and I would like to hang onto the lines over the backs of that well matched span of buckskin mares.

Editorial

A Smile Goes A Long Way

Did you ever wonder why you always return to certain stores for your purchases?

Chances are it's partly because someone in these stores has a warm smile and a friendly greeting. After you leave the store, the day is just a little bit brighter, although you often aren't aware of the reason.

On the other hand, think how you feel when you've made a purchase or done business with a grouchy. You're so darn mad inside you take it out on the next person you see, just because a clerk or official didn't take the time to smile or make a friendly remark in appreciation for your business.

A smile goes a long way—it's given to you and you pass it on to another person. He in turn hands it over to someone else or takes it home to his family. No one in the family is aware of the reason for the wonderful evening at home, but that family glow can be traced back to a single smile.

It works both ways, too. Maybe you can cheer a tired clerk and remind a businessman of the importance of friendliness by treating them to a smile.

Life is fast and hard these days. Sure, you're tired and worried but the next person you talk to may have troubles bigger than any you've ever heard of so far. Lend him a hand. It's cheap—only takes a smile.

Will It Be "Public Be Damned"?

Does it make you nervous to realize that a bunch of strangers are getting together to plan ways of spending your money? Well it should, because the 87th Congress is now in session and there will be strong pressure to undertake new programs more costly than any that have gone before. The question of whether the American taxpayers can pay the bill should come first, but it won't, in the minds of many lawmakers, until there is pronounced public opposition to the free spending philosophy that has depreciated money and brought this country to the point where every employed person works four months out of the year just to pay taxes.

Government—local, state and national—is forced to seek tax money from every conceivable source and in maximum amounts in a losing battle to keep up with spending programs. Many of these taxes are ill-conceived, unfair and self-defeating. One of the outstanding cases is the "federal sales tax" on gasoline. Combined federal and state gas taxes now average 10 cents a gallon and this is close to 50 per cent of the price (before tax) of every gallon of gas you put in your car. Although gasoline is a basic necessity, fueling the motor vehicles that have become essential to our whole way of living, it carries a higher tax than such exclusive luxuries as mink coats and perfume.

There is evidence that the "temporary" one-cent increase in the U. S. federal gasoline tax imposed about a year ago may have been the straw that broke the camel's back. Many state officials are reportedly worried because gasoline tax receipts—a direct indication of consumption—are not reaching hoped for levels.

Both fairness and reason dictate that this "temporary" tax be allowed to expire on schedule June 30, 1961. Extending it, or worse yet, increasing it, would be a perfect example of a public be damned attitude.

Our governor and party stood on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington 1,500 miles distant from our State Capital and took in the big event on January 20 that installed our lately elected president and vice president. But most Nebraskans took it all in lolling in an easy chair by their TV. The honored American patriots are now serving as president and vice president and we can but wish them well. A Democratic president, a Democratic congress—we'll see what they can do. . . . A big headline on page one of a recent issue of The Frontier informed the reader that bank deposits in Holt county totaled fourteen million dollars last year. Democrats now having taken over the national official scene will they run that up to fifteen million in '61 or fade away the fourteen million.

In Prairie Land Talker's one time neighborhood a few miles out from the flowing well town of Amelia Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Baker still are living, as also Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy continue to make their home by the cross roads. But Mr. and Mrs. Howard Berry have "gone to town," their son Vernon and wife now living on the Berry ranch. And I am glad to learn by a greeting card from them that Mr. and Mrs. Bly are still at home in Swan precinct, but their daughter, the charming little prairie maid of other days, now a wife and mother, is in Canada.

The closing days of January and no snow and ice on the streets and walks of our Capital City thus far this winter. The sun glows in golden glory today out of the bright blue sky above Prairie Land. Delightful winter days roll on the scroll of time and the gracious Hand guiding us as the days pass on points forward to another spring time and the growing season will come again. But now—lay in bed late mornings.

The Russians and Chinese that were going to set the world straight and hang we capitalists on a sour apple tree are starving with hunger, famine throughout their lands. We capitalists continue to have a belly full.

He may be seen and heard on TV from time to time. He had visited in recent times distant lands of historic interest and one day stood where the ancient city of Babylon had been, now not a stone wall left but the earth remains where was erected that great image the proud monarch had erected for his princes, governors, rulers and people to bow before in worship. Three young fellows of a captive people, there were teenaged lads those days too, would not bow and worship that image, so were thrust into a burning fire, walked about unharmed among the flames and came out of the fire unharmed because they were loyal to their God. And 2,500 years ago another of that captive race of people looked down the stream of time to see in vision what we see today on the streets of O'Neill many "running to and fro."

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

J. M. Beatty of Chambers hauls in 8120 pounds of hay over 30 miles distance at \$8 per ton. . . Margaret Holland accepts teaching position at Royal. . . Thomas McMahon holds public sale at his place four miles north of O'Neill. . . O. O. Snyder advertises good burning coal with two teams delivering at all times.

25 YEARS AGO

Fifty new cars registered in the county since the first of the year. . . Mayor Kersenbrock gets good soaking while flooding ice skating pond. . . County expense estimate is down over 13 thousand. . . Workers put in Italian terraza floors at new Inman schoolhouse. . . Area hit by severe cold wave.

10 YEARS AGO

Daylight temperatures reach as high as 55 degrees. . . Patrick E. Coyne, 78, life-long resident, dies January 18 after lingering illness. . . Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bruder celebrate golden wedding anniversary. . . Tax valuation of pure-bred calves fixed at \$35. . . Clearwater defeats Okdale in Sandhill Gateway conference for first place.

5 YEARS AGO

McCarville's, men's clothing store, moves to new building. . . Fay Miles, Holt County Independent editor and co-publisher, dies in Veterans hospital at Omaha January 21. . . Elaine Reimer, Deloit community miss, is named as semi-finalist in "Miss Auto Show" beauty contest in Omaha. . . Floyd Butterfield of Atkinson named president of Holt county 4-H leaders.

The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO

Mike Englehaupt of Shamrock has purchased 40 tons of hay from Mr. Graves which he will bale and haul to Emmet. . . The Baptist Ladies Aid will give a "State Supper" in the Band hall February 14. . . Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Bogart, January 30, a son. . . The Icemen are putting up some splendid ice in Smith B's new ice house.

25 YEARS AGO

C. F. Gillette and Son unloaded a carload of Chevrolets in O'Neill Monday including Master Town Sedans and Standards. . . Sliced bread at Richards cafe eight cents per loaf. . . The Chambers Dashing Demons were crowned by the Clearwater basketball team, 37-10.

"The EDITOR"

It costs the U. S. government for storage \$14,000 a day for flaxseed and rye; oats \$15,000; milk \$17,000; soybeans \$23,000; rice and butter \$29,000; barley \$34,000 and cotton \$76,000. "But these are peanuts, comments the Arlington, Tex., Citizen, "compared to the big boys. Have a look: Grain sorghums cost \$262,000 a day. . . Corn costs \$444,000 a day. . . wheat \$579,000 a day for storage." Total cost of storage for all these commodities comes to over \$550,000,000 a year. And that ain't hay!

Since the birth of Christ twenty centuries ago a million days have not yet passed. And how much is a billion? Well, right now only a little more than one billion minutes have passed since Christ was born.

The next time you hear that the big boys in Washington have decided to give away a billion dollars don't just shrug it off. . . it costs every family in the United States \$25 every time they spend a billion dollars.

A navy fighter plane built by U. S. aerospace company can fly more than twice as fast as the muzzle velocity of a .22 calibre bullet. In a race with a .30 calibre machine gun bullet, the plane, crossing the starting line the same instant the gun is fired, would catch up with the bullet in a fourth of a second and then rapidly forge ahead of it.

This brings us back to the puzzle of whether or not guns could be operated from the plane. If a gun were fired at an enemy plane flying behind, would the bullets do any damage or would they simply roll out of the end of the gun barrel as the plane sped away from them. Would it be possible to fire a gun straight ahead of the plane or would it run into its own bullets? We'll let the aerospace people worry about this.

Meek News

By Mrs. Fred Lindberg

The Green Thumb Flower club met with Phyllis Dobrovolsky January 25. Roll call was answered by naming an annual flower which blooms in the fall. After the business meeting Minnie Boshart gave the lesson on "growing herbs and their uses." Mary Peterson had charge of the entertainment. Helen Nelson read poetry before she opened her birthday gift.

Lunch was served at the close of the meeting by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Mellor were visitors Monday of Grandma Hall and Bill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sanders were Monday evening visitors at the John Schmitz home. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Devall and Kathy were Friday evening visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Anderson of Atkinson and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wells and family of Wisconsin were supper guests Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Axel Borg visited with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hull at Lynch Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rouse and boys were Sunday dinner

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 Tom Cronin, manager of the Safeway store.



Here's an O'Neill businessman you've met.

Hall, Mary Wetzler, Maude Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lindberg and Jerry Rosenkrans.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kaczor and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hubby attended services at Center Union Monday evening. The film shown was entitled, "The Missing Christian."

Russel Borg called home Monday night from St. Paul, Minn., telling of the serious illness of their daughter, Debra. She was taken to the children's hospital and it was necessary to feed her through the veins. The last reports were that her condition is improved and they hoped to bring her home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Axel Borg helped Tony Borg, their grandson, celebrate his fourth birthday.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Worth were Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Wetzler and family of Verdigre, Mrs. Viola

K. Miller and wf 7-28-60 \$2,500 Lot 8 and West 4 ft. lot 9 Blk C Chambers.

WD-Mabel A. Funk to Raymer L. Funk 12-12-60 \$1 SW 1/4 27-31-14.

WD-Mabel A. Funk to Beulah E. Atkins 12-12-60 \$1 NW 1/4 27-31-14.

WD-Mabel A. Funk to Bethene W. Morris 12-12-60 \$1 SW 1/4 4-30-14.

WD-Verna Mae Revell to Bobby L. and Billy D. Revell 1-25-61 \$1 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 - W 1/2 NE 1/4 - NW 1/4 27-31-9 Grantor reserves life estate.

REFFEERES. D E E D-Norman Gonderinger, Ref. to Bob Matthews and Darrel Adamson 1-3-61 \$12,000 NW 1/4 20-29-11.

WD-James L. Berigan to Roy L. Ries and wf. 12-16-60 \$13,500 Lots 6 and 7 Blk 26 Bitneys Add Atkinson.

Warranty Deeds

WD-Laura Mae Stracke to Sylvia Mae Case, et al 1-23-61 \$1 SW 1/4 28-31-16 Grantor reserves a life estate.

WD-David E. Bowen to Anna W. Bowen 1-20-56 \$1 N 1/2 27 N 1/2 23-29-9.

WD-Victor L. Harley to Duane

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Advertisement for GIGANTIC Truck Load Pre-Lenten FISH SALE at the OUTLAW.

Advertisement for SPEED QUEEN DRYER featuring a large image of the dryer and text: "WHAT QUALITY! WHAT BEAUTY! WHAT A PRICE! WHAT A SAVING! it's the new 1961 SPEED QUEEN DRYER famed for dependability. Pay Only 166 Per Wk. (for dryer or washer). FREE LIVE DEMONSTRATION IN OUR STORE. DANKERT'S SERVICE. 610 East Douglas Chambers Phone 410-W O'Neill Phone IV 2-2101"

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