

Prairie Land Talk

"Pioneer Day Memories"

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His name is MacLean, a good Scotch name. He was in the Capitol City on business from his home over in York. We visited for a time and when he learned that O'Neill had been my home town for many years he told me he had gone to O'Neill from Loup county in 1904 to file on a Kinkaid one section homestead, the United States Land Office being in O'Neill. So was the author of the 160-acre homestead law, Congressman M. P. Kinkaid. Yes, O'Neill had been the home town of Kinkaid from early pioneer days and his bones lay today up on Prospect Hill. He had served as district judge, practiced law and elected and re-elected to congress when no other Republican in Holt county could be elected to office. The land office had been moved from Niobrara to O'Neill in the late 80's and continued here as long as there was homestead land in Holt and nearby counties. Sanford Parker, an uncle of R. H. Parker of O'Neill, was one of the last officials of the Land Office; and the late L. G. Gillespie was a "land lawyer" in cases before Land Office officials. Mr. MacLean recalled his homestead days and spoke with pleasure of his visits to O'Neill.



Romaine Saunders

Another "March of Dimes"—and the ladies of my community report the best ever, the largest gifts that have yet come in to help those that had been touched by polio. People are generous, sympathetic and have a desire to help where help is needed. I was in the house of worship just yesterday when those in attendance were invited to come forward with their "thank offering." They came and when it was over \$140 was in that offering.

The month of February brought to Prairie Land a touch of winter. And across the far flung landscape lays a blanket of snow two or three inches of it. In old New England they have it piled high, the great city of New York clogged up under 40 inches of snow. Soon now Prairie Land will shed its coat of snow, bloom and blossom with a robe of silken green and floral bloom giving us a touch of color to the scene. Farmers will go forth again to get their fields ready for planting, herds of cattle turned out to graze and the baby calves with the cows once more. Seasons come and seasons go and we genus homo go on forever.

Having himself enjoyed it all that a few million dollars can supply our honorable president proposes to feed and cloth the aged and needy jobless citizens by reaching a hand into the U. S. treasury. Good enough—but look out, you taxpayer. You feel you are hit pretty hard now. More going out of the federal treasury more must come in. Increase in that terrible thing—your taxes.

All seems serene and calm down at the State House this winter. Mr. Carpenter of the Scottsbluff community is absent from legislative group of law makers so there the senators sit doing nothing exciting or of interest to we onlookers. The "terrible Terry" is through forever with politics, so it will be dull and uninteresting until another Terry or Art Mullen appears on the political scene.

Attorney J. Lee Rankin, a native of Nebraska who has filled an important government position in Washington, D. C., goes out as the new administration takes over. And it is said Lee will open a law office in New York. Mr. Nixon retires as vice president to go into law practice, but Mr. Eisenhower, having laid aside official burdens, goes to sunny California, takes off his coat and rests at ease by the great Pacific Ocean. Mr. Rankin goes to that great eastern city to live and carry on, but no doubt retains memories of his kid days forty years ago when he and I caught those fine ring perch at a Cherry county lake or the days that we swam and paddled around in the clear cold waters of the Cedar down toward Erierson.

My sister's daughter sends me copies of the Washington, D. C., Star loaded with stories and pictures of the doings that put Mr. Kennedy in the White House. Four sections to the three days issues of the Evening Star. Installing our president makes work for the printers back there in our nation's Capitol City. The first page of one section of the Star gives us a full page picture of our new president, a fine looking gentleman, the youngest to take over state duties in recent times.

Editorial

Play It By Experience

A hatless young man blew into the office this week. He said he was one of the New Frontiersmen. "Relax," he said. "The government can do anything private enterprise can do—and better. Look at this Federal plan for—"

Real Help For Depressed Areas. United State Senator William Proxmire (Democrat, Wisconsin) was being interviewed on a radio program originating at Washington, D. C., Sunday evening, January 8. He was discussing on the necessity of the Federal Government giving aid to depressed areas—an issue that may be before Congress before this appears in print.

When is insurance not insurance? The answer to that is the federal Old Age and Survivor's Insurance system. According to legal interpretation, social security benefits are no more than "gifts" handed out to social security recipients at the pleasure of the federal government.

Nothing could be more true—most of the states are broke. However, Mr. Proxmire neglected to tell, firstly, why the states are broke and, secondly, he carefully refrained from telling his radio audience that Uncle Sam is even "broker."

As to the former, he should have stated that most of the states are broke, because the Federal Government has gradually taken over most of their taxing powers, leaving it almost impossible for them to finance themselves, necessitating them to go hat-in-hand to the Federal Government to beg a return of part of the money which Federal Government had siphoned out of them.

As to the latter, Uncle Sam's debt is now around \$290 billion—that, we are informed is more than the public debts of all the other nations of the world combined—and despite punitive, almost confiscatory taxes, the Federal Government operates in the red practically every year, and adds a few more billion to its debt. As we previously said, most certainly

Senator Proxmire should have told his questioner and the radio audience that Uncle Sam was not exactly solvent. The morning after listening to Mr. Proxmire skit glibly around that question of why the states couldn't take care of their own problems, we read an editorial which appeared in the Ellsworth, (Kansas) Messenger, presumably written by Dwight Payton, editor and publisher of that weekly newspaper. We quote its concluding paragraphs:

"Any area that can't UNDEPRESS itself needs to return to nature. Put it on federal aid and you create a perennial dependent. The only real hope any area has is in the initiative of the people residing therein. If they have freedom's opportunity to pull themselves up by their own bootstraps, the incentive of profit as a stimulus, plus the privilege of keeping a major portion of any wealth created—the depression would almost certainly be transformed into prosperity."

Getting back to the radio program mentioned in the opening paragraph of this article, Senator Proxmire was asked why was it necessary for the Federal Government to step into these depressed areas. "Couldn't the states themselves handle the situations?" was the exact question thrown at him.

The Social Security Administration, for public consumption, says: "Beginning January 1, 1960, 50c more social security tax on every \$100 you earn (and 50c more from your employer) . . . provides: Monthly payments for you and your family at retirement, or when you are between age 50 and 65 and severely disabled . . . for more information on your RIGHTS and BENEFITS see your social security office."

As one actuarial authority observes: "When statements as self-contradictory as these are issued by or collaborated in by the same government agency, it is certainly time for the public to take an interest in what is going on." This is doubly true when proposals are impending to extend social security to include "free" medical care.

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO. Maud Nelson, Mabel Meredith and Ambrose Biglin chosen to represent O'Neill against Valentine in debate. . . W. Graves, O'Neill jeweler, has stock moved to building near post office. . . John A. Wilson, Emmet precinct resident, dies suddenly while enroute on train from San Antonio to Eagle Lake, Tex. . . Opera House to present William McDermid in western military drama—prices are 25, 35 and 50 cents per ticket.

25 YEARS AGO. Snow covered ground tough on pheasants. . . North Uhl and Charles Richardson spends two days on road to Grand Island fighting snow drifts. . . O'Neill high school basketball team entered in Class A in annual tournament at Lincoln. . . Coffee priced at 29 cents a pound in local store.

10 YEARS AGO. Top Angus bull brings \$2,200 at fifth annual sale of Holt County Aberdeen-Angus Breeders association. . . Charles A. Fauquier is 97 years old, O'Neill's oldest citizen. . . Ira George, superintendent of O'Neill city schools since 1945, terminates contract. . . New \$15,000 fire truck proposed.

5 YEARS AGO. Total of 46 Angus bulls hit \$391 average in show and sale at O'Neill Livestock Market, sponsored by Holt County Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' association. . . Fourth Street Market, owned and operated by George Janousek, is expanded and remodeled. . . Mrs. William Krotzer, 82, of Stuart, dies February 4, a week after falling and breaking a hip. . . Engagement announced of Kathleen Seymour of Grosse Pointe, Mich., to William J. Froelich jr. . . Jim Salem buys D & L Cafe at Chambers.

The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO. Band Boys have installed new gasoline lighting system run with lamps having an aggregate of 4,500 candle power. . . The new roller rink was occupied yesterday afternoon by a party of ladies learning to skate. . . Butter 15 cents per pound and eggs 15 cents per dozen at Smith Brothers. . . Otto Walters and Nora Rifers were married February 16 at the John Walters home. . . O. G. Meyer sold last week to N. L. Jones a half interest in the south side meat market.

25 YEARS AGO. Hylas R. Farrier and Lawrence Rothchild saves Omaha man from freezing in stalled car on Elgin road. . . Temperature hits 30 below February 9. . . Robert Price Williams died January 31 at his home north of Burwell.

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A Poem From Mrs. Eby...

—CLEANING TIME— I have just been cleaning cupboards, and with neat house wifely art, I have set things all in order in the storehouse of my heart. These are things I always meant to save and look at every day. And then again, a lot of things I should have thrown away. There were things in wild disorder, and mixed among the lot, Were bitter things, and ugly ones that should have been forgot. But there are scraps of tender dreams—a child's remembered kiss, And a poem that my mother wrote—ah, how I treasured this, I discovered, though, that ugly things were taking too much space. Sometimes for new and lovely ones, I couldn't find a place! And so I've tossed the dark things out—the sullen scraps and tatters. Of old time hurts and fancied wrongs and here's what really matters. Now that I've tossed the dark things out—each cringing one I found, The others shine the brighter— she's a radiance all around! My cleaning work is nearly done, and I suggest you start, You'll find it's mighty nice to have clean cupboards in your heart. (Selected)

Meek News

By Mrs. Fred Lindberg. Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Devall of Lincoln visited here over the weekend at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Seger of O'Neill and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Devall. The Paddock Missionary society plan to meet with Mrs. Elmer Devall Friday. Mrs. Bill Hoban, Dorothy, Helen and Terry from North Platte were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Peterson of O'Neill Friday night. Saturday they were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Devall. Mrs. Delia Harrison was also present. Mrs. Hoban was the former Lilly Harrison and grew up and attended school in this community. Junior and Douglas Walters were overnight guests Friday at their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walters. Mrs. Howard Rouse was a Thursday dinner guest at the home of her mother, Mrs. Carrie Borg. Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Watson and Danny of Chambers were Sunday dinner guests of Emmet Slaight and Mary Peterson. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nelson were Friday night visitors at Virgil Hubby's. Mr. and Mrs. Hal Rosenkrans, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Rosenkrans and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Worth and Mrs. John Hall were Friday evening supper guests at Fred Lindberg's. The occasion being Delores Rosenkrans and her mother, Marjorie's birthday anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. George Nelson, Larry and Sue were Saturday evening visitors at Dewayne Anson's. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walters and Norma were Tuesday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Meyers jr. of Atkinson. Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Anson and Sue Nelson were Sunday supper guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Nelson of Atkinson. Mrs. Jack Schmitz and Jerry were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schmitz of Omaha. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Risor and girls were visitors at Howard Rouses Saturday. Mrs. Albert Kaczor was a visitor at Mrs. Delia Harrison's Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Jim McNulty were Sunday evening visitors at Emmet Slaight's.

Redlingers Home From California; Move to Ewing

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Redlinger arrived home from their trip to California Friday, Saturday they moved their household goods to the place known as the Hoffman ranch about 15 miles south of Ewing. Reuben begins working at the ranch Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Hall and girls and Mrs. Harlan Hall from Blue Earth, Minn., were overnight guests Sunday of Mrs. John Hall and visitors at Lawrence Dobrovolsky's Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Rouse and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Walters were supper guests Friday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Woepfel of Ewing in honor of Mrs. Woepfel's and Delbert's birthday anniversary. Mrs. George Nelson entertained a group of ladies Friday. Diane Devall treated the teacher and pupils of District 16 to cup cakes and ice cream Wednesday in honor of her birthday. Mr. Levi Hull and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kaczor were Sunday visitors at Grandma Hull's and Bill's.

Center Union, Wesleyan Methodist and Assembly of God church groups are all combining Friday evening for services in recognition of the World Day of Prayer. The meeting will be held at the Assembly of God church in O'Neill. Bruce Miller helped spray cattle Saturday at Carl Krogh's. Mrs. Dewayne Anson called at the Henry Walters home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Anson and girls were Sunday evening visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Drueke. Mr. and Mrs. John Olson and Ardye of Minden were Saturday dinner guests at Fred Lindbergs. Mrs. Olson is the former Louis Lindberg. They spent the weekend here visiting her mother and brothers, Fred and Harold. Mrs. Albert Hepburn of Bassett came Wednesday and is visiting Mary Smith in O'Neill.

Venus News

By Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser. Merlin Mittels started teaching the sixth grade at Allen. Merlin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Mittels. He and his wife are still living at Wayne, where he has been attending college. Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Davis and daughter were Wednesday dinner guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Summers. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Moser and Gene, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Mittels and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Boelter and Jimmie were Saturday evening guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Caskey. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tyler were Tuesday evening visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Caskey. Saturday evening visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Groeling were Mr. and Mrs. Theo Kinnison. Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Held visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Caskey Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hawk moved to the John Schleuser farm this week. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Finch jr were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sufficool and sons at Verdigre. Butch Cederburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Cederburg, has been promoted to A/2c. He is stationed at the Colorado Springs AFB. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser and Mrs. Harry Caskey were Norfolk visitors Thursday. Mrs. Caskey visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Caskey and family and Mr. and Mrs. Brookhouser visited at the home

of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brookhouser. Enroute home they visited at the Hugh Brookhouser home near Brunswick. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Boelter and Loren visited with their son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Warner of Center Sunday. Their grandchild, Eloise, returned home with them that evening. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser were Sunday evening visitors at the Francis Boelter home.

Mrs. Pearl Davey, 87, of Norfolk underwent major surgery at a Norfolk hospital February 2. The family resided in the Venus community many years ago.

The Help-U-Club held a card party at the Page Improvement club building Tuesday evening. Draw pitch was played at four tables. Prizes were won by Clarence Finch, Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Waring and Mrs. Otto Mattschullat. Lunch was served at the close of the evening. Those entertaining were Mrs. Irvin Held, Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser and Mrs. Sidney Faulhaber.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Faulhaber visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Held Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Caskey were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Caskey.

Mrs. Ora Caskey is teaching at the Venus school this week. Miss Lois Elsbury, the teacher, is ill. Tommy Larson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Larson was admitted to the Creighton hospital. He is ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ickler and family were supper guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ickler in honor of the Russell Ickler's wedding anniversary. Later that evening they were surprised by a group of neighbors and relatives. The evening was spent at cards. Lunch was served at the close of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Davey of Bellevue called at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Groeling and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ickler Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Davey were Saturday evening and overnight guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser.

Larry Caskey was taken to O'Neill for medical attention. He has an ear infection.

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