

Prairieland Talk

# American Tradesmen Well Paid

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Five million American workers out of jobs today, and some fifty million still at work. Union printers in Lincoln pull down \$22 a day, and a printer friend of mine gets in two days a week at the city's newspaper plant—\$44 a week and lives pretty well on that together with a monthly social security check. In the 20's and 30's they were paid \$40 for a 48-hour week. He signed his political observations as Sambo Sunflower. A young squirt out there in Sheilds precinct in the happy days of long ago. Then he left the prairies of Holt county, got a stereotypical job in a California city, and on a visit to O'Neill 62 years ago boasted big to me that he was "pulling down \$7 a day." American tradesmen have even been well paid for their services. In that distant Oriental country of China there are 600 million biased human beings. Not all well fed and clothed. And we are told that along the banks of that great river in South America many babies do not survive to become two years old, not sufficient food, no medical care, and mothers down there die with their baby in their arms.



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A white blanket of snow lay across prairieland as the first week of March went out. Wheat farmers rejoice as they consider the snow will wet up the wheat fields and assure a good start for another crop. But I wonder how Tom Baker down there west of Amelia liked it getting out in the snow to poke hay in for his Shorthorns.

Daughter writes from Burbank, Calif., that they need rain as it is very dry, little or no rain the past winter. But the boys and girls out there are near the great Pacific ocean and can jump in any day and wash their feet.

A group of students from academies in nearby states operated by a church organization were in our Capital City a weekend recently and gave us a touch of lovely things in song. Much is said and published today about the "juvenile delinquents." Too little notice given to the young people that are going straight. It was a thrill for the aged to listen to these young men and maidens sing their lovely songs and we could but say Thank God for talented young Americans now devoting their lives to the better things.

A 14-year-old girl in a southern state is reported to be 8 feet and 2 inches tall, and still growing. Maybe going back to Garden of Eden life, it being understood today that Father Adam was 12 feet tall

Editorial

### Death of A Town

Mineola at last has expired. The last landmark of the once thriving community located 26 miles east of O'Neill will soon be gone from the scene erasing all trace of the town which once bustled with activity. The schoolhouse which is the only remaining relic of the past was sold at public auction Friday.

Desks, chairs and even the old school bell were knocked down to the highest bidder. Some unidentified person purchased the school bell via a written request accompanied by a check for \$10.

There is something about a public auction of anyone's possessions that carries an undertone of sadness. If nothing else the fact remains that something once worth a struggle no longer as value for the owner.

To Charles V. Cole, who came to Mineola as a lad of 14, this feeling of nostalgia was perhaps more acute than to the casual bystander.

Mr. Cole's father, E. E. Cole, managed the lumber business in Mineola during the 1880's. As a boy, Charles remembers his father and Charles Morgan making the long trip to Running Water, S. D., to haul lumber back to Mineola. The trip took two days and the Missouri River was crossed via ferry.

The town of Mineola was at its height during the 1880's. Founded by a man named Charles Lamont, who ran the pioneer trading post, the little community grew rapidly during those years. The Tomlinsons, Coles, Thomas Dillit, Benjamin Powells, John Addison, the Fuller brothers, Anton Svisind, Nels and John Gibson, Swan Alm and Clayton Messner, and Joe and John Hunter were only a few of the pioneers who saw possibilities in the settlement.

A blacksmith shop, dressmaker's shop, harness shop, feed and grain store, lumber business and several stores soon sprang up to make a mainstreet. Dr. Love moved his practice to Mineola and brought many an offspring into the world in that community. A newspaper, the Mineola Sun, set up shop and for several years the future of the town looked rosy.

Charles Lamont entered the cattle feeding business, bringing Texas Longhorns north to pasture. But in the fateful blizzard of 1888, Lamont's entire holdings were wiped out. The small community suffered a blow from which it was unable to recover. During the following years the small town declined until there remained only a store and postoffice. The postoffice was closed some years ago.

Charles Cole is one of the few remaining people who can recall when Mineola was in its heyday, and you could drive from Mineola to O'Neill without encountering a road or fence between the two towns.

The last page of the history of Mineola was written Friday. The sands of time have run out for Mineola.

Mineola is dead.

### It's That Time of Year

It's that time of year again when the quick-talking, high pressure salesmen start contacting the home owners with bright promises of the "best deal" possible.

The "deal" may include promises of commission for future customers—all this for letting them use your name for selling purposes. Norfolk has been besieged with this type of itinerant salesman who are working the re-siding racket.

Then there is the crew of workers who swarm on the town with magazine deals, furnace repair, tree-trimming propositions and house painting set-ups.

and weighed a half a ton. I saw him once a few years ago walking up O street in Lincoln, a 10-footer looking down upon us with contempt, or was it envy. Six feet is about the limit of growth as we travel toward the end of the road. But I recall a happy 7-foot Irishman on a homestead six miles out from O'Neill 70 odd years ago, and if a newcomer settler needed a potato or a hayburner full of hay Long Mike had it for him.

We formerly met face to face, friendly eyes looking into friendly eyes. Now we meet via the telephone. Of late I have had the telephone visit with three from Holt county and the O'Neill community who live today in Lincoln, but have cherished memories of life up there where they came from. Lew Nissen is a native of the Atkinson community, at one time carried the mail over Star Route to Amelia, has a sister, Mrs. Frank Pierce living near Amelia whom he visits from time to time. He and I settle the world problems recently by telephone. Nellie Cronin Hunt, widow of the late Dan Hunt, both of pioneer O'Neill families. Mrs. Hunt had been sick for several weeks but was up and going again. She is a sister of the late Dan Cronin a prominent and substantial citizen from pioneer days of the O'Neill community. Nellie is a clerk in the J. P. Mann store and for a time set type for her brother-in-law who published the O'Neill Sun, that set in oblivion in the 1890's. Tom Brennan is another from O'Neill with a pleasant home today on south 17th street in Lincoln. Tom called me recently to inquire about my son-in-law, Harold Eno, who had been hit and his car wrecked by another car on the streets. Tom is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Neil Brennan, pioneers and Neil being many years in the hardware business in O'Neill. Tom has property interests in O'Neill and thinks he and his better half will return there some day soon to live where they were born. And Tom would like to stir up the old town so we would hear of it in the news today. Go to it, Tom!

Traveling along life's lengthening lane today there may have touched us a shade of sadness, a blush of shame because of no worthy action done. Night comes rest until dawn of another day, travel along once more down life's lane and at set of sun a smile instead of a frown, a happy touch where yesterday was a blush of shame, we gave some fellow travelers a lift along the way today.

Nebraska formerly had six members in the lower house of congress, and O'Neill was the home of one of them, M. P. Kindaid. Now we have but four congressmen and that is to be reduced to three. Nebraska congressional districts reduced to only three. Not cutting much ice down in Washington from now on.

Beware of all offers that promise something for nothing because common sense tells you that you have to pay for what you get. If you receive such a proposition call O'Neill businessmen who will do the same type work. Let your local dealers quote their prices and you will find that you have saved money. When you do business in your own hometown, eventually the money spent will find it's way back to your pocket along with the good will which comes from helping your neighbor.

### Full Cycle

Massive federal programs of taxation, "benefits" and controls to protect all of the people against all the rigors of living have little respect for minority or individual rights.

Our forefathers fled from Europe seeking freedom from oppression. They asked nothing but life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

It is alarming to read that some people are now leaving the United States because they feel they can no longer pursue these goals here. According to an Associated Press report seven Amish families near Canton, Ohio have purchased farms and are preparing to move to Canada. In the words of AP the Amish are "a quaint religious people who live the simple life without many of the conveniences modern Americans rely on . . .". They are leaving this country because they are opposed to compulsory social security, and other strictures of our modern welfare state society.

At the risk of being anti-social one cannot help wondering what the pilgrims would think of the present state of the Union.

### Since Hector Was A Pup

A leading American Oil Company summarized the history of the federal gasoline tax in chart form under the apt heading "A Temporary Bite That's Lasted Since Hector Was A Pup."

1932—First "temporary" federal gas tax of 1-cent a gallon, to expire in a year.

1933—"Temporary" tax extended for two years and "temporary" 1/2-cent was added. This addition was scheduled to expire with repeal of the 18th (Prohibition) Amendment. That actually happened in 1934, and the tax reverted to the still "temporary" 1-cent rate.

1935, 1937 and 1939—The "temporary" tax was extended on each date for two years.

1940—"Temporary" 1-cent tax was "temporarily" increased 1/2-cent.

1941—This "temporary" 1 1/2-cent tax was made permanent.

1951—Tax was increased "temporarily" to 2 cents, with the increase scheduled to expire March 31, 1954.

1954—"Temporary" increase renewed for one year.

1956—Tax as boosted to 3 cents because of the national highway program.

1959—Tax was increased "temporarily" to 4 cents—increase to expire June 30, 1961.

1960—Now the plan is to continue 4-cent rate and, if other highway tax measures proposed by the Administration are not approved by Congress, to add still another 1/2-cent.

State and federal gas taxes amount to about half the cost of the fuel less taxes. This is a far higher rate than that imposed on even absolute luxuries, such as diamonds and mink coats. If anyone has a completely justified tax gripe coming, it's the American motorist.

# Frontiers Ago

### 50 YEARS AGO

A complete line of ladies and childrens hats will be shown in the Spring Hat Showing by Catherine Grady, and by Mrs. Fitzsimmons. People of Page come to an agreement and present a petition for incorporation of town to board of supervisors that is accepted. At an executive session of the House of Lords March 15, Thomas H. Gallagher was unanimously elected police judge. R. H. Parker has a fine new enclosed touring car.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Mrs. George French entertains at oyster supper for her son, Dr. O. W. French who celebrates birthday February 29. Mrs. L. C. Chapman of O'Neill dies March 9 at home of son, Lawrence in Omaha. Judge Lomlinson estimates that there is a shortage of 300 farms in Holt county. A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Saunders March 7.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ressel celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary March 11. Alice Ann Minton, 86, Holt pioneer, dies March 13 at home of daughter, Mrs. Jane Judge. Bull sells for \$2,500 at Butte to Clyde H. Fisher of Spencer. 33 Ewing high school students in style show.

### 5 YEARS AGO

John Gray and wife greet 117 guests at celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary March 10. Holt county district court jury awards Dwayne Anderson, 18, of Omaha \$10,000 damages as a result of case arising when youth suffered burns in explosion at Lloyd Evans farm north of Atkinson. Chambers mother, Mrs. Wayne Smith, is winner of Albion contest in competition for "Mrs. Nebraska."

## The Long Ago At Chambers

### 50 YEARS AGO

The meeting of the WCTU has been postponed until April 13. Herb Kemp left Monday for Canada to look up a new location. Mrs. Otto Walters was quite badly hurt one day this week by being thrown from a wagon. Dr. Bernard and Odd Jarman went to Omaha the first of the week with cattle.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Northern Nebraska Hereford association is organized. The \$4700 sale at the local pavilion made it the record sale of the two years it has been in operation—one mule alone brought \$202. A shower will be given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Doran for Mr. and Mrs. Almond Jenkins, newlyweds.

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## Capitol News-

### No Backing for Increasing Board Members for University, Colleges

LINCOLN—The makeup of the boards that govern the state's institutions of higher learning continues to get public eyeing but not much backing for a change. The Legislature declined to give committee approval to a proposal to increase the University of Nebraska Board of Regents from six to 12 members.

And the State Normal Board, which governs the teachers colleges at Wayne, Chadron, Peru and Kearney, frowned on a recommendation that its group be expanded from 6 to 11 members who would represent geographic areas.

In the latter case the Normal Board was referring to a suggestion of Dr. Lyman Glenn of California who studied the Nebraska education picture for the benefit of the current Legislature. The proposal affecting the University came from Sen. Marvin Lautenschlager of Grand Island who not only wants to enlarge the Regents but to cut their term length from 6 to 5 years. John K. Selleck, secretary of the Regents, said the Grand Island senator's idea was unnecessary and ill-advised. It would have called for a vote on a Constitutional amendment.

The board is efficient now and to make it larger would set up a situation where full attendance of members at meetings would be difficult, Selleck said.

Regarding the teachers colleges, Glenn felt an 11-man board would be less prone to political and regional pressures which he said were a problem of the current size operation. Glenn proposed the Normal Board members also not be from a county containing one of the teachers colleges.

Spending There's been another analysis by the Legislature's budget committee on the size of state spending that could result from bills pending in the Legislature.

Fifty-nine proposals pending before the lawmakers would cost Nebraska \$3.8 million in tax dollars, Budget Chairman Richard Marvel said. The largest single chunk of money would be \$1.9 million for providing surgical care for the aged.

Supreme Court The State Supreme Court has a new judge—Robert C. Brower, 64, of Fullerton. He was appointed by Gov. Frank Morrison to fill the nearly six years left of the unexpired term of the late Judge Adolph Wenke who collapsed and died in the statehouse.

The governor feels Judge Brower is a "leader of the Nebraska bar for many years, a man of broad educational background and high integrity who would be a distinguished member of any court in the country."

State senators who served with the new judge when he was a member of the Legislature from 1953-57 know him to be a man of high principles, with an engagingly dry humor.

Judge Brower has 3 children—Thomas, who is a practicing attorney in Kimball, John who practiced with the new judge in Fullerton and Mrs. James Porter, who is a University of Nebraska professor.

Judge Brower, like Governor Morrison, is a Democrat. However, judges of the State Supreme Court hold non-political posts and run for election on a non-partisan ticket.

### Governor Candidates

Nebraska senators are wrestling with this problem, posed in Legislation during the current session: Who should be permitted to run for governor? The proposed legislation concerns only public office holders and would not stop private citizens from filing.

Tentatively, the lawmakers decided to permit a vote on a Constitutional amendment that would allow the lieutenant governor to file for governor.

They have nixed a suggestion that state senators be prohibited from running and refused to endorse a Constitutional amendment that would have allowed heads of state executive departments to make the race for chief executive. Now, only those outside state government and state senators in government can run for governor.

Proponents of permitting all state officials to seek the top executive office in the state said one time fears that current office holders could build a political machine now are groundless. The scrutiny of the Nebraska press is too keen, senators were told in debate, not to catch attempts of anyone to start fashioning a machine to boost the officeholder to the governor's chair.

### Motor Pool

Gov. Frank Morrison is going to try to see if the state can't set up a motor pool in Lincoln to better utilize state vehicles. This has come up frequently among past governors, the least being former Republican Victor Anderson. But the plan was abandoned because of costs involved. However, Morrison feels that the motor pool is feasible and it can save the state thousands of dollars.

The governor assigned State Purchasing Agent George Morris and State Auditor Ray Johnson to make a more detailed study and present a feasibility report to him on the motor pool idea. Each department now is assigned cars and some employees take the vehicles home after work. Under the Morrison plan the vehicles would be stored in a central location and used only as needed.

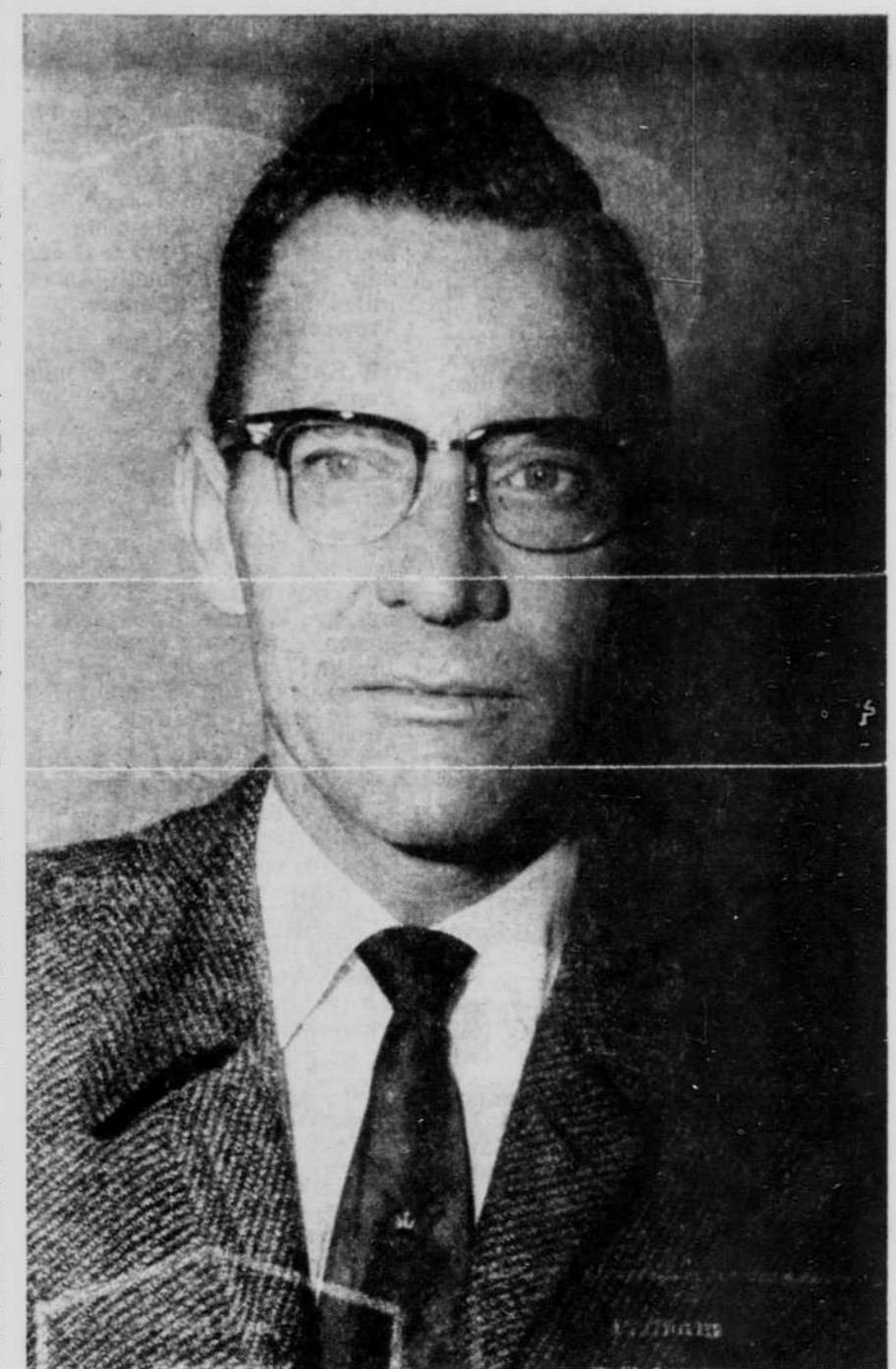
## A Poem

### From Mrs. Eby . . .

—The Touch of the Masters Hand—  
Twas battered and scarred and the auctioneer, thought it hardly worth his while.  
To waste much time on the old violin but he held it up with a smile.  
What am I bidden, good folks! He cried, who'll start the bidding for me?  
A dollar, now two, only two, two dollars and who'll make it three.  
Three dollars once, three dollars twice, "going for three", But no!  
From the back a gray man came forward and picked up the bow; Then wiping the dust from the old violin and tightening up all the strings.  
And playing a melody pure and sweet, Sweet as an angel sings, The music ceased and the auc-

## 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 Francis Tighe, manager of Central Finance in O'Neill.



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