

PrairieLand Talk

"Woman with Modern Ideas"

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She came and sat beside me as I loafed in the shade; said she was waiting for the incoming city bus to haul her home. Do you mind if I smoke, she then asked. Oh, no, but I do object to a lady doing so on general principles. Oh, many of them do today she countered, lighted her rag to puff away and made an undauntedly remark about her "crabby old mother" who lived in a downtown apartment with her and her husband. Got up to walk to the bus stop, got aboard and was gone. A few minutes contact with an up-to-date wife and mother. And another modern wife and mother came later into the picture. Knowing that I was alone while daughter and son-in-law were away on the summer's vacation trip. This other lady baked delicious cupcakes and had her man of the house bring the cakes to me. And down my throat they went one by one.



Romaine Saunders

Another time President Kennedy tunes up his gifted voice and tells us all about it as he sees it. The president is doing the job as best he knows how, not as a partisan but as an American citizen.

Another good rain wets the Capital City community as July was ending the hot summer days. Now August and "roasting ears" in front of you at the dinner table.

Another morning. The sun starts again its silent golden trip across the bright blue sky above our prairie land. Yes, the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork.

The old man with cane in hand to feel his way along the street was approached by a young boy who told the old fellow that a child's plaything was on the sidewalk just ahead. And then that little fellow hastened ahead and cleared the walk for the old man. A child with a thought for others. We hear much about juvenile delinquency. Let us hear more about juvenile helpfulness.

State Senator Fern Hubbard Orme goes today on her first trip to northwest Nebraska, a visit to the country of old Fort Robinson, now a Nebraska State Historical Society museum.

A city to the south of us down in Kansas, the one time home of that woman booze bar smasher, they have turned sanctimonious and if you sell a loaf of bread on Sunday you go to jail. But a hungry citizen may buy a slice of bread and butter and not be molested. What's the difference—one business place open, another business place closed "by law."

Homer Campbell of a pioneer Holt county family writes me from Seattle, Wash., that it has at last come to him, he and his aged and invalid wife are now being cared for at public expense. Homer was a typesetter in the long ago at The Frontier print shop and at the Tribune here in O'Neill and played a horn in the O'Neill cornet band; worked as a printer at Atkinson and Stuart, was one of the force in the composing room of the Sioux City Journal, and then to that Pacific Coast state; had written works that were used as text books by university students. On August 7 this year Homer reached his 91st birthday, a long life of service to his country and a friend to all. Homer and I swam and splashed about in the Elkhorn to the south of a village called O'Neill. Now we are both old and I trust the hand of "old age assistance" does not have to reach out my way as it has Homer's—but I know of no one as deserving it as my boyhood pal, Homer Campbell.

Some days ago a lovely letter came to me from a lady over at Bristow who I have not had the pleasure of meeting in person. She writes of enjoying what she reads week by week in PrairieLand Talk and mentions that good couple down by Amelia, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pierce, being related to some of her folks through the sacred ties of the marriage altar. My friend north of the Niobrara river was interested in the "blacksmith" story in this department some weeks ago. And now she writes that we all may know that there is at least one blacksmith left in Boyd county, an aged patriot Mr. Martinson, 82 years old, standing six days a week at his anvil in his Boyd county town and the smithy and his aged wife maintaining their home just across the street from the blacksmith shop. I am glad to share this information with Frontier readers, and thank you much for your good letter, Mrs. Shattuck.

My daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Eno, are back in Lincoln again after a three-week outing that took them to that great city on the southeast coast of Florida where they have a son living. A swim in the ocean was an exciting experience for these two prairie land dwellers. Daughter reports that many of the million that make up the population of that community speak Spanish and the clatter of Spanish talk is heard on all sides.

PrairieLand is clothed in summer green, a cluster of floral bloom adding a bit of color to the scene. The song of birds, the croaking frogs, the jackrabbit hepping about, the hungry coyote trotting here and there, the bull snake crawling through the grass, birds awing and we hear them sing, the golden crested eagle soaring high on out stretched wings. The genus homo? Oh, he just sits in the shade and does nothing.

Editorial

Meanwhile, Back Home

Have you asked your neighbor lately how he thinks the Administration's doing? The chances are that he—like millions of other loyal Americans—will talk about what the government is doing about the foreign situation.

Well, we don't like the frigid war any more than the next fellow. But the sad fact is that while we're moaning about Moscow, the administration is hammering together a 16-program domestic welfare-state plan that would annihilate our basic American liberties.

Each of these programs includes a plan to increase centralism—the central government control of the vital elements of our economy.

Here's what the 16 programs would do: 1. Control factory location. 2. Control wages in local intrastate business. 3. Control local school systems. 4. Control production and distribution of power. 5. Control city development. 6. Control the employment market. 7. Control hospitals. . . . and ultimately medicine. 8. Control the farmers. 9. Control the market place. 10. Control of capital accumulation through tax tinkering.

Or, to put it in two words: Control us.

CORVALLIS, ORE., GAZETTE-TIMES: "We would like to launch a vigorous protest against a ruling by the U. S. Internal Revenue Service which will not permit a privately owned business—corporation, partnership or individually owned—to charge off as an expense any advertising which at-

tempts to sell the opinions of its owners if these opinions are contrary to those held or a policy set by the Federal government."

Plenty of Strings

Supporters of federal aid to education say that Washington will dole out dollars without any strings attached. However, the facts show otherwise, as the Chamber of Commerce of the United States points out. Whenever the U. S. Office of Education has passed out money, it has exercised controls.

The Chamber cites a list of specific examples. Among them: The Office of Education dictated curriculum and administrative practices of a guiding and counseling institute in Tennessee. Under the same Office's regulations a language laboratory in an Illinois school must remain idle when not used for teaching modern languages; it cannot be used to teach Latin. A federal employe threatened to remove a school adding machine from a Minnesota school if it were used for any purpose but science—the government had helped buy the machine. In Alabama the government set minimum wages to be paid on a school building for whose construction federal funds were used.

So it goes. And no one should be surprised. Back in 1942 the Supreme Court held that "it is hardly lack of due process (of law) for the government to regulate that which it subsidizes." That pretty well tells the whole federal aid story.

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO William Monahan and Miss Rose Galligan, both of Atkinson, were granted a marriage license by County Judge Malone Monday. . . . Last week Elmer Meriman purchased the pop factory of Charles Sanford and will take possession at once and will commence supplying the trade with everything in the soft drink line at the county board of supervisors has made application to the secretary of the navy for one of the large guns that were on the battleship Maine to be placed in the courthouse yard in this city. . . . Charles Rice loaded his machinery on the railroad cars and is shipping the same to O'Neill where he will start in the laundry business.

25 YEARS AGO Hogs went at the Atkinson Livestock market from 75 cents to \$1 lower and cattle went at 25 cents lower than a week ago with best fat sows at \$8.50 to \$10.35, and best yearling steers at \$4.80. . . . Miss Edith Canady and Harold Summers, both of Middlebranch were united in marriage at the Methodist church in O'Neill Wednesday, Aug. 5, at 11 p.m. . . . Last Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Tomlinson celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with all of their children and grandchildren present. . . . The annual meeting of the O'Neill Women's Christian Temperance Union held election of officers August 3 at the home of Mrs. Frank Oberle; Mrs. Elsie Johnson is new president. . . . Miss Merle Ohmart, O'Neill, and Arthur Rosenkrans, Dorsey, were united in marriage at the home of Anoka in the home of the Rev. Chester Anderson.

10 YEARS AGO Mrs. Guy Cole, Emmet, injured her back in a fall from a step-ladder at her home Wednesday morning. . . . Nebraska state railway commission gives permission to Chicago & Northwestern to discontinue passenger trains 21 and 22. . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Tomlinson mark 55th wedding anniversary. . . . Well-known Holt county farm woman, Mrs. Ray Nobis dies August 6 on 50th birthday. . . . Cpl. Paul Hartigan, Page, returns to states after serving nine months in Korea. . . . E. W. Anderson of Sioux City, announces that arrangements have been made to purchase the Danceland location on highways 20-281 where a drive-in theater will be constructed.

5 YEARS AGO Navy Chief Duane Thorin, former Chambers and Neligh man, writes war story "Ride to Panmunjom" to be published in October. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Tomlinson Sunday were honored by 100 friends at a picnic dinner to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. . . . Rainy fall aids dry pastures in almost daily showers. . . . Cecil Baker, manager of the O'Neill office of Kansas Nebraska Gas company, is transferred to Fullerton office; his successor is Kenneth Curran

Mrs. Delia Harrison was crowned queen of the 56th annual Holt county old settlers' at picnic. . . . Norman Walter, Chambers, will be ordained as a minister of the Lutheran church August 12; in September he and his wife will leave for Formosa.

The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO There is now nearly a sure prospect that southern Holt county is going to harvest a record breaker crop of corn. . . . H. B. Burch went out to the C. E. Burch ranch Wednesday to put up hay. . . . C. M. Smith and daughter, Nellie, came in on the stage yesterday, moving his family to Chambers to live in the Mary Sageser house. . . . Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Haake August 15 a son. . . . The O'Neill Stage is considerably improved by having some attractive lettering placed on the cover. . . . John Walters who lives four miles northwest of Chambers received a bad flesh wound by running a rifle cleaning rod into his left hand. . . . Florence Wintermote, who was so severely injured recently by having a horse fall with her, is now greatly improved.

25 YEARS AGO Pioneer Postmistress Sarah Jane Ballagh, daughter of Robert and Nancy McLeod, died July 24 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. A. Chambers of Burwell. . . . Mr. and Mrs. William Turner went to O'Neill Tuesday to help her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Tomlinson, celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. . . . A pretty wedding took place at 8 o'clock Sunday morning August 2 when Miss Wilma Nolte Lynch, became the bride of Prof. Herman Gimmestad, Fremont, in the home of the bride's parents. . . . A prairie fire southwest of Beaver Valley store did considerable damage to the farm buildings at a possessions of Clarence Greeley.

Atkinson News

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skrdla, accompanied by Mrs. Mable Robertson of Chambers went to Arcadia last Wednesday. Mrs. Skrdla and Mrs. Robertson were two of six judges for the annual flower show at Arcadia. Arcadia has been recognized for its beautiful shows and Atkinson can be justly proud to have accredited judges from our area to serve our many flower shows about the state. Mrs. Opal Keating left last Wednesday for Denver where she will spend two weeks visiting her daughter, Mrs. Phyllis Devall, Steven, Cindy and Tim. She will also visit her son, Keith. Another son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Keating and family, are also expected to be in Denver for a few days to visit his mother and other relatives. Mrs. Kenneth Schultz, Mrs. Walter Puckett and Mrs. Earl Earl Coxhill were hostesses to

a prenuptial shower Saturday evening at the Puckett home for Miss Carolyn Skopec, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Skopec, of Stuart. Miss Skopec will be married August 13 to Gary Aten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Aten, Ainsworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin McClurg and Marcia, Broken Bow, Mr. and Mrs. Warren McClurg, Bassett and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McClurg and Donna and Mr. and Mrs. Glen McClurg, all of Atkinson, drove to Council Bluffs Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller. Mrs. Miller is a sister of Elmer, Warren, and Glen McClurg. They returned Sunday night.

Mrs. Emma Kazda came Sunday to visit her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kazda, for a few days. She expects to return to Omaha the later part of the week.

Mrs. Kay Boyd was a last Saturday caller at the home of Mrs. William Wefso. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Osborn and family returned last Saturday night from a vacation trip to various points in the Black Hills. The Osborns encountered a variety of weather conditions while in the Hills. Along with the hot weather they drove in snow near Custer, S. D., and also showers and accompanying hail storm while touring in the hills. They visited at Columbus before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Osborn and family, Ord, and Marie Osborn, Lincoln, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Osborn. Wilbur is a brother of Dick and Marie Osborn is Dick's sister.

Mrs. Harvey Wahl returned Sunday evening from Valentine after spending the past two weeks in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Haas and son, Bryon. Vernon Rothchild, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rothchild, is expected home Thursday of this week to spend a furlough with his parents and relatives. He has been stationed at Ft. Bliss, Tex., where he has received his basic training.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kazda took Alfred's mother, Mrs. Emma Kazda, Omaha, to Yankton Monday to visit her brother, Ed Kreiger who is 86 years old.

Mrs. Lurin Collins and family will come from New York Saturday of this week to spend a few weeks visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rothchild, and other relatives and friends and to attend the wedding August 19 of her brother, Vernon Rothchild to Gayle Siebert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Siebert, Atkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wefso and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Colfack were Sunday dinner guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Carlson, Scott and Sheryl at Crofton.

Mr. and Mrs. William McKinley, and daughters, O. G. Randol, Ponca, and Sandra Stevens, Atkinson, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Randol in Atkinson. Mona Rae Randol returned to Atkinson with the McKinleys after spending the past week in Ponca. O. G. Randol is George Randol's father and is 92 years old. When the McKinleys returned to Ponca Carol, Linda and Kathy McKinley remained in Atkinson to spend a week with their cousin, Mona Rae.

Cadet John Ries Completes Training

Cadet John N. Ries, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Ries, Atkinson, completed six weeks of training at the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps summer camp at Fort Riley, Kan., July 28. During this training Cadet Ries received practical experience and instruction in tactical, technical and administrative subjects, with special emphasis placed on the duties of a second lieutenant in an infantry unit. More than 1,450 cadets from colleges and universities throughout the country attended the training which began June 17. Ries is a student at Creighton university.

Inman News

By Mrs. James McMahan Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stevens of Lansing, Michigan spent Wednesday evening visiting their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kelley and Kay. Mrs. Leo Harte and daughter Donna and Mrs. Albert Anthony and daughter Gaylene spent Thursday in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kelley visited Mr. and Mrs. Don Kelley and daughter and Ned Kelley in Norfolk Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Morschbach and family returned to their home at Rapid City, South Dakota Friday after visiting Harlan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Morschbach, for a week. Mrs. Anna Smith visited Mrs. Eva Murten at Blair on Monday. She accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Dick Trowbridge of Page who made a business trip to Omaha.

Miss Barbara Keil is a medical patient at St. Anthony's hospital in O'Neill.

Mrs. Anna Smith entertained her group of the WSCS on Wednesday afternoon at her home. The hostess served lunch to the group at the close of the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tjessem and daughters of Maywood, Ill., arrived Sunday for a visit with Mrs. Tjessem's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Clark. Richard Keil returned Saturday from Terminal, Tex., where he has been visiting his aunt, Mrs. E. B. Reinhart for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anthony and family visited Mr. and Mrs. John Hoffman and family at Clearwater Sunday evening.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reynolds and family were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Schiessler, Sioux City, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Schiessler and family, Coleridge, Nebr., Mr. and

Mrs. Guy Hull and Mr. and Mrs. Veldon Pinkerman of Lynch, Nebr., Mrs. Irene Carsten of Bonesteel, S. D., and Mrs. Faye Pinkerman of O'Neill. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hull of Lynch were Friday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reynolds and family. The occasion was the 35th wedding anniversary of the Hulls.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sobotka and family of Columbus visited Mr. Sobotka's father John Sobotka on Sunday. Mrs. Albert Reynolds and daughters accompanied Mrs. Guy Hull of Lynch to Neligh Tuesday.

Mrs. Albert Reynolds and daughters spent Thursday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hull at Lynch. The following surprised Mrs. Vaden Kivett, who has recently received her college degree from Wayne State, on Friday evening at the Kivett home. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jackson and son, O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. James Coventry, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Abney, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Tompkins, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anthony, Mr. and Mrs. James Sobotka, Mr. and Mrs. Merle DeLong and Mrs. Lewis Kopecky. The group presented a gift to Mrs. Kivett and lunch was served at the close of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sobotka and family and John Sobotka went to Valentine Monday to visit Har- old Sobotka who is employed with radio station KVSH at Valentine. Ned Kelley of Norfolk spent the weekend visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kelley and Kay.

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