

Prairie Talk

"Prairie Talker' Hurt In Fall"

(Ed. Note: Romaine Saunders, our Prairie Talker for many years, is unable to write his usual column for this week. His daughter, Mrs. Harold Eno, sends us this note: "My father had a fall a week ago and has been unable to write 'Prairie Talk' this week. We don't know yet whether he'll be able to write it for next week or not.")

We know the old gentlemen would be immensely pleased if his many friends and readers would drop him a note or card at his home at 4110 So. 51st street, Lincoln 6, Nebraska.)

I thought about writing a column to take the place of the Prairie Talk for this week . . . but I have no background to talk of the days of Holt county when Kid Wade and Doc Middleton were known to one and all . . . nor can I remember when Sioux Indians camped along the Elkhorn . . . even though in my mind's eye I can see their tepees standing along the banks of this beautiful river.

Nor can I talk of the early history of O'Neill when homesteaders dotted the prairie around a sprawling frontier town and the people who were destined to become known as the cattle and merchant kings of the town were grubbing their existence by hand from the rich range land.

In a country as rich in history, legend and fable as North Central Nebraska, an old-timer such as Mr. Saunders with a sharp memory could regale us with many tales and that is just what he has been doing these many years.

The lynching of Barrett Scott alone is a subject for many columns of type in the hands of someone

who has information on the subject.

And the individual stories of the various homesteaders who came here from the east to go on to riches and fame in other locations and endeavors would fill many books.

The beauty of the prairie in spring and fall is something on which I could converse but not with the eloquence with which Mr. Saunders approaches the subject, for I do not have the many years in Prairie Talk that the old Talker has. I have seen it turn from winter's browns and russets to the first green of spring . . . and then go on to the rich lushness of the range at its best, literally sprinkled with the various wild flowers that grow in profusion throughout the summer . . . going from an abundance of one flower to another as the season progresses . . . but the poetic expression of Mr. Saunders would be lacking.

I thought of writing of the current scene as Mr. Saunders does, but he always compares it to bygone days when the world was different and man stood on his hind legs and asked no one for aid . . . Federal or otherwise . . . even though he would be the first to offer the strength of his arm or brain to a needy neighbor . . . and with no strings attached to the offer.

No, I feel that I am not qualified to write of the country as Mr. Saunders does . . . therefore I won't.

I will just add my fervent hope that the Old Prairie Talker has a speedy recovery and is soon back writing his weekly column. Until then we'll just work a little harder to keep the pump primed and the chores done. — B. R.

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

Dave Stannard was up in Minnesota last week and while away sold his race horse Speed On to a Wisconsin man. Miss Mary Coyle departed Tuesday for Norfolk to take up her position as teacher in the city schools for the ensuing year. The first of the week Mellor and Quilly closed a deal with George Devlin by which Mr. Devlin becomes the owner of the equipment of the former's livery stable. Gene Sullivan, Butte, Mont., defeated Earl Jackson, Lynch, in a six-round bout at the opera house in Spencer Wednesday night before a good sized crowd. John Biglin came up from Hastings last Saturday for a few days visit here and to enjoy a few days shooting.

25 YEARS AGO

Lee Bergland, living near Opportunity, was brought to O'Neill Saturday with a fractured collar bone, the result of a fall from a horse. Someone stole a quantity of home-canned provisions from the Joe Schollmeyer farm 20 miles northeast last Saturday night. Herman Medlin came in Monday with a large truck from Jefferson city to load his household stuff for removal to that place. The Rev. and Mrs. Otto Fink, who have been serving the Methodist church here the past three months, returned to their home at Neligh Sunday. School opened Monday morning in District 192 with Miss Helen McConnell as teacher.

10 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. William Waif, Ewing, have been married 50 years; their childhoods were spent in sod shanties. The Cliff Rundquist store, Royal, was broken into by burglars Tuesday night, the second time this year, and losses are figured at more than \$1,000 in value. Miss Rosalyn Bohn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Bohn, has graduated from St. Elizabeth's school of nursing August 30. Paul Jenkins, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Jenkins, who reside several miles east of Park Center, was killed instantly when struck by car Monday enroute home from school. "Jolint" Joe" McCarville, captured the 1951 O'Neill city golf championship by defeating Max Golden 4-3 Sunday afternoon.

5 YEARS AGO

Frank McKenny returns from Rapid City, S. D., to be soft lines department manager at Gambles. Charlie Bigelow celebrated his 90th birthday September 8 at Stuart. Mrs. William A. Anderson, 74, a Holt county resident since she was one year

old, died September 7 in St. Anthony's hospital after year's illness. The Church of the Epiphany at Emmet was the scene of a wedding September 12 uniting in marriage Miss Rose Mary Bahl and James H. Schmitz. The Page drill team of the Royal Neighbor lodge went to Bassett Monday evening and won a trophy for largest attendance.

The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO

A wagon load of fruit, peaches, pears and grapes for canning, has arrived here through the efforts of Smith Brothers. Mrs. Od Jarman and children moved into the Nesbitt house last week in order that the children may attend the Chambers school this winter. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kemk have moved into part of the Grubb house. The Chambers Commercial club and Band Boys boosted for the Fair yesterday morning and were met at Emmet by an O'Neill delegation which hosted them at dinner in the Evans hotel and took them to the McGinnis Creamery company for an inspection and a taste of their manufactured ice cream.

25 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Alma Farrier and daughter, Alice, returned Friday evening from a 4,000 mile auto trip east. At a quiet wedding last Thursday evening Miss Wilma Slavicek became the bride of Asa Anderson Jr. Porter's Corner changed hands last week when Ace Hubbard purchased the Service Station and five acres of ground and will take possession about October 15. Mrs. Billy Cooper suffered a stroke of paralysis on the left side Monday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Johnson, Emmet, are the happy parents of a seven and a half pound baby daughter, Kay Arlene, born to them August 28. Pete Clarke of this city won first and second prizes at the swimming contest at Atkinson August 30.

Riverside News

By Mrs. Lionel Gunter

Bus Napier and Louis Shrader went to Blair early Friday morning to get the Verl Gunter family, called home by the death of her mother, Mrs. Martha Shrader. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Fry and Mrs. Willie Shrader went to Wayne Friday afternoon after Douglas and Sandra Shrader and Archie Johnston. Verl Gunter went Friday evening to Storm Lake, Ia., for Sharon Johnston. Sandra, Douglas and Sharon returned to attend the funeral rites for their grandmother, Mrs. Martha Shrader.

Mrs. Don Larson came home Thursday after spending a few days in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy left Friday morning for Wichita, Kan., to visit their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Weinkaump.

Mr. and Mrs. George Montgomery visited in Neligh Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Wayne Shrader and the twins, John and Ruth, visited Friday afternoon at the Leo Miller home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Pollock visited their grandson, Blaine Pollock, in the Neligh hospital Friday afternoon. Blaine had a tonsillectomy Friday morning.

Johnny and Jamey Gunter were overnight guests Friday at the Lionel Gunter home. Evening visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Mosel and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schmidt and Tommy. Alice Shrader worked last week

at the Johnson Drive-In in O'Neill.

Mrs. Leo Miller and Becky visited in Neligh Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller and Danny went to Denver, Colo., last Tuesday to visit at the Gerald Haddock home and brought Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miller home with them Thursday evening. The Howard Millers has been visiting at the Haddock home.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Shrader and David visited Thursday evening at the Don Larson home. Mrs. Dewitt Hoke visited Mrs. Weldon Alexander last Monday evening.

The Leo Miller family were dinner guests last Sunday at the Bert Fink home.

Mrs. Lynn Fry took a carload of pupils from the Riverside school to the Frenchtown school Friday morning to see two film strips on "Health and Safety".

Barbara Ernest was an overnight guest Friday of Sharon Mott.

The Jolly Workers club met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Lesley Johnston. The women sewed carpet rags for the hostess, Frances Shrader, president, conducted the business meeting. Gifts were exchanged and "mystery sister" names were revealed. Members drew names for the coming year. Twenty-two members and one visitor, Mrs. Flora Newman, California, were present. The president appointed two women to buy a gift for Connie Turay, who is to have a series of operations on her hip. Connie is five years old.

Mrs. Charlotte Lord, California, came last Sunday evening to the Bert Fink home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Hoke and Clayton joined the Alvin Nelson family, Plainview, last Sunday for some boat riding near Niobrara.

Susan Napier visited Wednesday at the Dale Napier home.

The Busy Hands 4-H club met Thursday evening at the Dale Napier home.

The Robert Ahlers four children, Wisner, stayed a few days the forepart of last week at the Rudy Ahlers home while their mother was in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John Napier and children visited Thursday and were supper guests at the Jerry Cuddy home in O'Neill.

The Lynn Fry family visited in Norfolk Tuesday.

Alfred Napier was an Omaha visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Biddlecome visited Thursday evening at the Joe Hegr home near Madison.

The William Lofquist family joined the Robert Lofquist family, Fremont, the Reuben Meyers family, Neligh, and the Merlyn Meyers family and Mrs. Edna Lofquist, Ewing, for a picnic dinner in a Norfolk park Sunday.

Mrs. John Napier and Mrs. Alfred Napier were in Neligh Tuesday afternoon for the project lesson on "Arranging Cabinets". Mrs. Ed Hoag stayed with the John Napier children and Steve Napier stayed at the Gary Tessmer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Napier and family visited Tuesday evening at the Wayne Fry home.



MR. AND MRS. RONALD W. CONNOT were married August 19 in St. Mary's Catholic church at Spencer. The bride is the former Sharon Kay Havranek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Havranek, Spencer. Mr. Connot is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Connot, also of Spencer. The couple is residing on a farm west of Spencer.

Verdigre News

By Vac Randa

Last Weeks News—

Sunday evening the MYF met at the ranch home of Dr. and Mrs. V. A. Walstrom one mile north of town for a potluck supper. There were over 30 members of the MYF and their guests in attendance. There were eight couples of adults as guests beside their sponsors. Guests of honor were the Rev. and Mrs. David T. Gustafson. After the supper hour there was a short song and worship service, a talk by the Rev. Gustafson, and at the close of the evening a square dance was held.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Walstrom, Spencer, Ia., left September 5 after a visit in the home of their son, Dr. V. A. Walstrom. Rebecca Jo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Farnik, was baptised Sunday in the Verdigre Methodist church with the Rev. D. T. Gustafson officiating. John Farnik was soloist accompanied by his sister, Jo Ellen.

A recent farewell party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

William J. Svoboda for their son, William M. Svoboda and family, who have moved to Battle Creek where they have purchased the bank. Dr. James Carlson bought the W. M. Svoboda home. Other guests at the farewell party were Gordon Havlicek and Allen Havlicek, Lincoln, and Mrs. Mary Jelinek, Verdigre.

Bidders for 4-H and FFA calves sold at the Knox County Fair at Bloomfield were Verdigre Improvement club, Verdigre Livestock Market, Mastalir's, Verdigre Bakery, Verdigre Creamery, Verdigre Muly Implement company, Bank of Verdigre, N & B Gas company, Tom's Tavern and the Farmers Co-op Association.

Sixteen awards were presented to the members of the high school biology and general science classes for their entries in the Knox County Fair at Bloomfield. The awards included 15 superiors and one excellent. Members are Judy Ondracek, Lana Ruzicka, Larry Viterna, Robert Frank, Marvin Socek, Janet Rudloff, Darlene VanBuren, Nancy Svoboda, Mildred Cerny, Sharon Vech, Bonnie Wirth, Jean Dryak, Dennis Druak, Kathy Kucera, Kenneth Sonder, Judy McCormick and Lavonne Hildreth.

Editorial

It's the Parents' Job, Too . . .

In the first weeks preceding and following the opening of school in the fall the public is beset on all sides by admonitions to drive carefully for the sake of school children.

In the schoolrooms—especially the lower grades—children are taught to cross only at corners, with the lights, look before crossing and many other safety precautions.

Bicycle riders are told to obey traffic signals the same as any other vehicle lest the children become victims of an accident.

In the opening paragraph we said "beset on all sides" but that is not quite true.

THE PARENTS ARE THE ONES WHO GOOF! Don't believe it? Go park near the schools when parents are picking up or dropping off their children. They turn little tikes loose to cross alone in the middle of a busy block, let the children out of the car on the side of the street opposite the school, run stop signs and commit dozens of other safety infractions.

How in the world can we expect the children to practice safety if we adults set such lousy examples?

School officials can talk themselves blue in the face trying to get the kids to be careful and a parent can undo all this teaching in 30 seconds with a bad example.

Wonder how these same parents would feel if they had to pull the mangled body of their child from under the wheels of a car? Wonder how they would like to undergo the suffering and torture of getting a phone call saying, "There's been an accident. Your child ran into the street and was hit by a car . . . ?"

If parents don't practice, teach and insist on safety education in the children all other teaching is wasted.

Taxes Always Increase

You can say one thing with virtual certainty about taxes—they always increase.

Take the social security tax as an example. The combined employer-employee rate, with each paying half, was 2 per cent on a maximum of \$3,000 a year in earnings when the plan went into effect in 1937. Now the rate is 6 per cent on \$4,800.

This isn't all. The tax is scheduled to reach 9.25 per cent in 1969—without increased benefits. If benefits are increased, the tax will have to be boosted still further, and applied to higher income levels.

Physicians in 48 states and the District of Columbia provided free medical care worth \$657,535,000 in 1960, according to a survey by New Medical Matera. Treatment of private patients without charge forms the greatest portion of the typical physician's free services.

Posing A Problem

Retailers employ great numbers of young people who attend school on a full-time student basis and work for limited periods in the afternoons or evenings, on Saturdays and during vacation periods.

This employment provides untrained youngsters with a source of income and, additionally, enables them to learn skills and responsibilities that will prove valuable in later life. But the newly-expanded Federal wage-hour law, which includes retail workers for the first time, poses a serious problem.

A statement by the American Retail federation puts it this way: "We are convinced that . . . if retailers are required to pay the going minimum rate, most of the job opportunities now available for full-time students will disappear. Retailers cannot be expected to pay the full legal minimum to part-time, inexperienced workers. But the type of work now done by these students, in most cases, will not be performed by adult workers. It will either be done by mechanization, changes to self-service or through other economies. In some cases it will not be done at all, with the resulting loss of student jobs as well as service to the public."

The law is supposed to provide exceptions in situations such as this. Unless it does, in actual practice, the increased unemployment many feared would result from an expanded minimum wage law will become a reality.

Taxes Are Good—But!

The National Education Association has issued a booklet entitled "Taxes Are Good." It observes that "taxes are the price we pay for civilization."

This, of course, is a truism. Taxes, as one writer puts it, are good and necessary for civilization, in the same way that fire and water are good. But you don't have to burn down your house to warm your hands—and you don't have to open a dam and drown in the flood to get a drink.

The "Taxes Are Good" argument is used as a support for an almost endless list of government projects and proposals which advance the welfare state, reduce or destroy local rights and responsibilities, limit the freedom of groups and individuals, and dry up the mortal sources of taxation—for example, housing subsidies, farming subsidies, public power schemes, federal aid to schools, federal medical aid plans, and son on.

So the "Taxes Are Good" theme needs to be carefully analyzed. They are good when levied for necessary purposes. They are bad when levied for purposes which should be undertaken, if they are to be undertaken at all, by local government or private enterprise.

ROYAL THEATER

Fri.-Sat.-Sun.-Mon.-Tues.

Sept. 22-23-24-25-26

THE PARENT TRAP

Hayley Mills

Maureen O'Hara Brian Keith
In Technicolor

Wed.-Thurs.

Sept. 27-28

Family Night

BIMBO THE GREAT

In Eastman Color

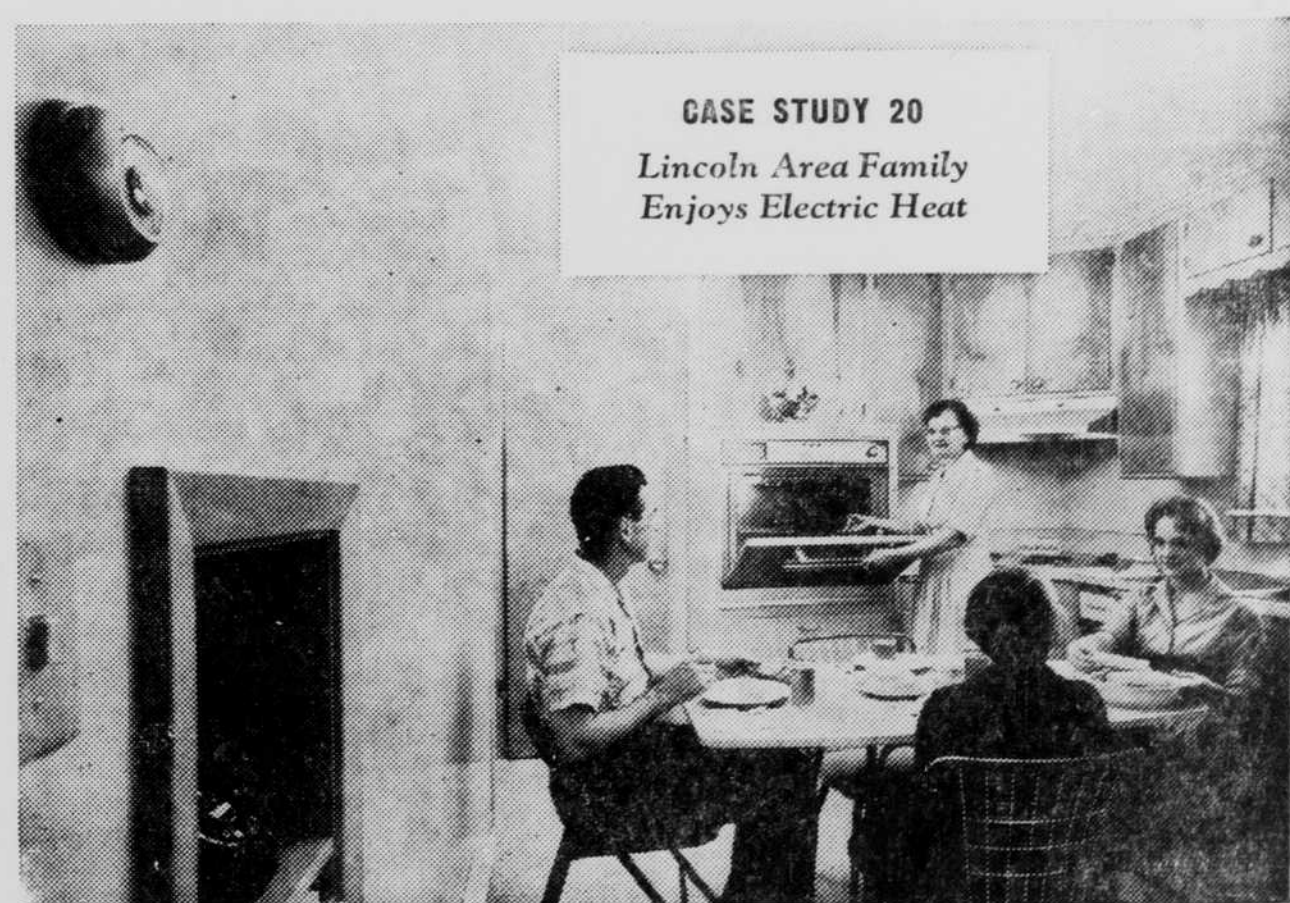
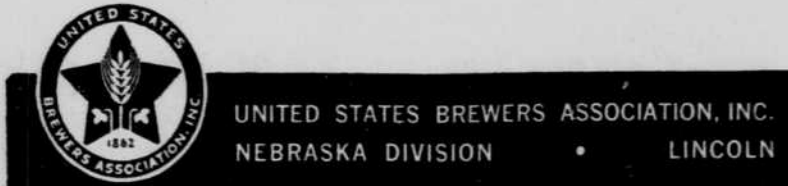
To Nebraskans . . .



... a glass of beer is many things

Up and down the wide Missouri . . . out over the numerous lakes which dot Nebraska . . . the joys of boating are taking a big place in the lives of many Nebraskans. It's a part of good living. And so is a glass of light, refreshing beer.

But even more, beer is a symbol of political rights and freedoms . . . the freedom of choice between a cup of warming coffee or a friendly glass of beer. This is a right which should belong to all men, everywhere.



CASE STUDY 20
Lincoln Area Family
Enjoys Electric Heat

'Perfect For Cleanliness—And We Get No Blasts Of Hot Or Cold Air'

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz Brauer moved into their new 2,200 square foot home in Waverly earlier this year. Mr. Brauer, a farmer-turned-carpenter, helped build it. So he knows that he has the best — including flameless electric heat.

"We think electric heat is wonderful," says Mrs. Brauer, a first-grade teacher in Lincoln's Pershing School. "Ditto for us," say Daughters Mary Ellen, 16, and Lois Jean, 12. They especially like the clean, even heat from their baseboard units. "And, of course, we have a thermostat in every room for individual control," said Mr. Brauer.

It cost no more to install modern electric heat in the Brauer home, and operating costs will average around \$20 a month for the nine-month heating season.

"We figure it costs no more to have the best," said Mr. Brauer.

Consumers Public Power District Nebraska Public Power System