

Prairieland Talk

Alas, the Dimes Are Gone

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The little lad had two dimes in a pocket of his three length pants. His older brother had a twenty-five cent piece in his fist, the price of a ticket to the...



Romaine Saunders

It came in the mail today, a post card from "Scenic Wyoming, the land of wide-open spaces." Pictures of the state capital building and three of the beauty spots of that state's wide open spaces...

The house and all household furnishings of the John Mering family burned up a day in August, 1901. Mrs. S. F. McNichols was enjoying a visit from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Conly of Iowa...

Out where the hand clasp is most sincere, where friendly eyes look into yours and a smile with a hearty hello, Jack, greets you, where hospitality abounds and human life is at its best—there prairieland begins.

Editorial

We've Been Warned

For the past few months we have heard the rumblings of a danger we cannot afford to ignore. Several months ago a young child died a horrible death of rabies in South Dakota—not far from the state line. Two little Holt county boys underwent rabies shots several weeks ago. Dr. E. A. Rogers, chairman of the State Board of Health warned the northern tier of Nebraska counties a short time ago that an abnormal increase in the incidence of rabid animals was being recorded.

You can't beat a deal like that," Dr. E. A. Rogers said several days ago. Whether the council sees fit to take the "extra step" or not, the owners of dogs and cats in the city still have a responsibility. Each of us must see to it that our pets are properly immunized. The experts agree that this is the only way the disease can be controlled or at least lessened to the point where humans are not exposed.

The time for another Old Settler's picnic draws near. It is a pleasure to come together under tall trees, to look into friendly eyes, to grasp a toil worn hand, to speak with friends we have known and meet again face-to-face. The passing years have written upon aging brows the wrinkles of time, turned hair to grey and have slowed the stately strides of youth. But memories linger, memories of life's struggles, of its joy and sorrow, of periods of want, of times of plenty. And when again old settlers come together and rest in the shade of trees to visit and solve the world's problems they may look out upon a green robed landscape redeemed from a wilderness these early settlers had known. If I do not get there in person this season I extend cordial greetings in printed words.

When all others of the household are gone away for a fortnight's stay a ray of cheer is seen amid the gloom of loneliness—no one around to command don't do that and do this. Independent as a hog on ice.

A writer for the public press whose first name assures us that he belongs to the male branch of the genus homo tells us that "women are human beings." Maybe a little advanced beyond the human, many have become quite angelic and hold the affairs of this troubled world at a time when blundering guys are not completely overwhelmed. While one in a million or so of our angelic sisters may be a she-devil, ever and forever as long as life shall last, as long as human hearts have passions, it is the touch of a kindly woman's hand that smooths the rugged way along the pathway of life for foot-sore men. Women human beings—but beings with souls aspiring to the angelic!

It is more than seventy years ago I knew him as a lad at the family abode three miles east of the eastern limits of O'Neill. They were not there long, starved out and moved to the hay makers' paradise out in the Dry Creek country. After a life time of industry and a worthy citizen, George Shoemaker lies today under consecrated sod up on the hill. Another we had known and esteemed—now no more; one more of that caravan that had traveled life's highway from the cradle to the grave. Rest in peace, George, your struggles and pleasures over; no more to walk the dusty road as a lad on past the pioneer Cronin dugout abode, past the home-steads and Huntley's just in sight of the Shoemaker homestead abode three miles from town. No more will you dip tired feet in the crystal waters of Dry Creek!

By the side of the house where but few will look upon the floral loveliness, blooms unnamed flowers in all their colorful beauty. Many of nature's beauty spots lie hidden from sight, as many human virtues and kindly but unspoken words throb in every human heart.

Picnic lunch out in the open where busy little bees buzz about and sing and in the human system send about three feet of sting.

Stewart-Watson et al did what they could to "save the trains" and failed. Now another group proposes to make a train. Early citizens of the town and country put across what they went after and now the moderns are at it. Go to it, fellows!

whatever you wish to call it now that we have been warned so many times and with such force. The horrible thought occurs that a small child—too young to talk—might be bitten by an animal that has the disease. The slightest scratch from the animal's teeth might not hurt the child and it might not be apparent to parents. If transmission of the virus is successful and rabies shots are not administered, the chances are good that the child could die. This is believed to have happened in many cases. We venture this opinion: If every owner of a cat or a dog were to go down to the doctor's office and watch the little 3-year old O'Neill girl take her stomach shots every day, we think some changes would be made. No pet, however domesticated, however clean, however well cared for, cannot become a carrier.

New Reserve Plan

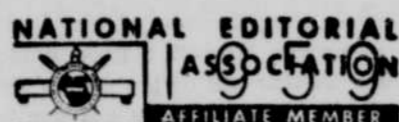
Farmers of Holt county who are interested in the Conservation Reserve of the Soil Bank for the 1960 crop season will be able to get full information at the county ASC office after the middle of August. This will be the fifth year of the Conservation Reserve, under which farmers contract to withdraw general cropland from production and protect it with conservation uses for a period of up to 10 years. The 1960 Conservation Reserve will be similar to the 1959 program but it's our guess that substantially less new acreage will be taken into the program.



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Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

J. F. O'Donnell sold the Cronin ranch north of O'Neill to J. D. Farr, a real estate dealer of Sioux City for \$23,400. The ranch comprises 1040 acres and the price was considered very low. Wyant and Bazelman made a proposition to the city to light the streets with electricity. F. W. Woods was elected from Spencer with his "smoke wagon". Miss Mamie Shoemaker left for her home in Tripp county to hold down the homestead she won in Uncle Sam's lottery. O. O. Snyder has his lumber yard, sheds and buildings now completed and painted, making a substantial improvement on upper Fourth street. M. M. Sullivan returned from Omaha where he had been to purchase his winter stock of shoes. M. M. said that he had purchased the largest stock of shoes ever brought to O'Neill. The relocation of the O'Neill post-office was settled by the government accepting the proposition of the Odd Fellows who planned to erect a building 24 x 80 feet south and joined onto the O'Neill National Bank. Death of Ernest Enright, nearly 70, among the early settlers northwest of O'Neill.

20 YEARS AGO

"Wind and Hail Destroys Corn Crop at Inman; Turkeys and chickens die following destructive storm" were headlines in this week's issue of the Frontier in 1939. The remodeling of the Ben Franklin store is rapidly nearing completion. Marvin Stauffer and Margery Rees of the Page 4-H poultry club represented Nebraska at the World's Poultry Congress at Cleveland, Ohio. R. E. Arm bruster, McPherson, Kans., took over the management of the Brown-Donald store here, succeeding Charles Yarnall, who was manager for 6 years. Married: Miss Cecilia Sladek and Harry Peter at St. Patrick's Catholic church. Clarence J. Simonsen farm sold for \$18 per acre to R. L. George of Ewing. Fire destroyed the filling station in the west end of town operated by Chauncey Porter. Lowan met instant death on highway No. 20 when his car left the paving and ran along in the ditch and crashed into an electric light pole about one block west of the Danceland corner, breaking the pole in two and stopping the wire, so that he was electrocuted. The high line carried 22,000 volts of electricity.

10 YEARS AGO

The O'Neill City Council authorized Donald D. Price, Lincoln, consultant engineer to proceed to draw up plans and estimates for a sewerage disposal system here. Mary Ventericher, six months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Ventericher of Deloit was run over by a hayrack and suffered only minor bruises. Gordon O. Harper, manager of the O'Neill municipal airport, was elected commander of the Simonson post 93 of the American Legion here. Married: Miss Lorraine Ickes and Soren Peterson, jr. at Page. James W. Rooney, secretary of the O'Neill Production Credit association was pictured and featured in a story in the Summer 1949 issue of the Farm Credit Leader. Mrs. Berl Damkroger, new Holt county extension agent, actively assumed her duties. Hugh Benson, 25, purchased Wayman's tavern in O'Neill. Miss Marjorie McElhaney was hostess at a scavenger hunt. Death: Dick W. Robertson, 36, on his farm home in Joy, of a heart attack.

FIVE YEARS AGO

The O'Neill city council entered into a lease-rental-purchase agreement with the Austin Western Company of Nebraska for the purchase of a mechanical street sweeping machine. Miss Lavonne Miller was the winner of the American Legion sponsored "Miss O'Neill" beauty contest. Jean Marie, age 4 months, arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Pruss and became the fourth addition to the family since 1946 via the orphanage. The five-mile section of U. S. highway 281, extended northward from the junction with highway 20 was opened for traffic. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Coyne went to Chicago, Ill. and New York City and plan to sail from New York for Europe. Nebraska was represented in the seventh annual "Salute to the States" ceremony at Asbury Park, N. J. by Army PFC Paul W. Mosemen, jr. Deaths: Carl Theodore Friedrich 86, Spencer; William Hoffman, 77, Spencer; Mrs. Grace Wallinger, 84, longtime resident of the Stuart community; Miss May McGowan, 81, retired O'Neill farm woman.

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Lower Road Standard To Speed Surfacing

By Melvin Paul Statehouse Correspondent The Nebraska Press Association

LINCOLN—State Highway Engineer Roy Cochran wants to make his staff economyminded and wants to get the maximum value out of the highway dollar. Cochran, who was the last Democratic governor prior to Governor Ralph Brooks and before that was state engineer, said he is considering the possibility of lowering construction standards on some rural state roads. The obvious reason for considering such a move, the state engineer said, "is to get dustless surfacing a little faster."

By lowering standards, Cochran explained, what he had in mind was to reduce the thickness of bituminous surface and reduce the base stabilization under the surface. Such construction would not be widespread, he said. It would apply only to areas where traffic volumes are low and where soil conditions permit. Standards would remain at present high levels on all major highways carrying heavy traffic and on the Interstate Highway. The most logical places for the thinner blacktop, Cochran said, would be in such places as the sparsely-settled areas of western, central and northwestern Nebraska or state spurs to small villages. The state engineer has also ordered closer supervision by division engineers of construction projects. At a recent meeting in Lincoln he laid square in the laps of the eight division engineers the responsibility of construction in their own districts.

He said this merely was defining responsibility of the division engineers which had not been clear-cut in the past.

Cochran, with the echoes of demands for an investigation of the highway department still lingering from the 1959 Legislature, also announced he has been, and will continue to conduct his own study of the department.

Two things already have resulted from his study. The first is the definition of the responsibility of the division engineers. Second is expansion of the right-of-way section into a full-fledged division in the department. W. H. Mengel, a long-time department employee, has been promoted as chief of the new division. Cochran explained the operations were expanded because right-of-way work has assumed "tremendous importance because of the volume of business and the money involved."

This especially is true because of the Interstate Highway where new right-of-way must be purchased all the way across the state. Conservation Rural Nebraska is setting the pace across the nation in land conservation. Warren Fairchild, secretary to the State Water and Soil Conservation Committee, said that for many years Nebraska has led the nation in the application of land terracing. Each year landowners in this state do some 20 to 25 per cent of the land terracing done in the entire nation. About 9,000 to 10,000 miles of terraces are erected each year. Although Nebraska is setting the pace, Fairchild said the job still is sadly lacking from being completed. In fact, conservation is moving at a snail's pace. The conservation expert said it has been estimated that it will take at least 100 years to completely treat all the land in Nebraska if the present pace continues. Watershed work is slower yet. Completion of the first watershed was dedicated Wednesday (July 29). Three other watersheds are nearing completion and only seven others have been authorized for construction. The Dry Creek Watershed in Red

Willow and Frontier counties was dedicated this week as the first completed. The other three pilot watersheds nearing completion are the Salt-Swedeberg in Lancaster and Saunders counties; the Brownell Watershed in Otoe county and the Indian Creek Watershed in Gage County.

New Flag A 49-star flag flew over the Statehouse for a single day then was taken to the governor's office where it will remain. The flag was obtained for Governor Ralph Brooks by Rep. Larry Brock of Wakefield (D-Nebr.). Brock obtained the flag in Washington, D. C., where it flew over the nation's capitol.

New Sidewalks Cracked and uneven sidewalks at three entrances of the Statehouse are being replaced. Penitentiary inmates were used to tear up the old concrete at the west, east and south entrances of the building.

Miller Theatre ATKINSON One Show Nightly 8 o'clock Friday-Saturday July 31-Aug 1 Sun.-Mon.-Tues. Aug. 2-3-4 Wed.-Thur. Aug. 4-6

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Alice's Beauty Shop Res. 3 doors west of Texaco 125 East Douglas Phone 263 - O'Neill

STOCK CAR RACES!

Stuart, Nebr. Sunday, August 2 8:00 p.m.

SPECIAL RACE—POWDER PUFF DERBY ADDED ATTRACTION—MIDGET GO-CARTS

Enjoy top-notch stock car racing at the Pioneer Stock Car Track of North-Central Nebraska.

"The Best-Paying Track in The Area" ADMISSION—Adults, \$1.00; High School, 50c; Children, 12 and under—FREE

LAND AUCTION 2 UNITS

At the farm 1 1/2 miles north and 6 miles east of Page or 3 miles west and 5 1/2 miles north of Orchard.

Friday, Aug. 7th, 1:30

UNIT NO. 1 Legally described as W 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 7, Twp. 28, R. 8, Antelope County. Has 4 room dwelling, barn, poultry house, good cave, good well and R.E.A. All in pasture except 4 acres of alfalfa and building site. Has running water year around in pasture.

UNIT NO. 2 Legally described as E 1/2 of NE 1/4, Section 12, Twp. 28, R.9, Holt County. About 26 acres cultivated; balance pasture and grassland. Fenced and cross fenced.

Antelope-Holt County Line divides these two units of land. The units will be offered separately and together.

POSSESSION Possession will be given on or before March 1, 1960. In event possession is wanted prior to March 1, same may be arranged.

TERMS 15 percent date of sale on signed purchase agreement. Balance of purchase price to be settled for when possession is obtained. Terms for a large part of purchase price can be arranged at 5 percent interest. For additional information on loan see Ed Thorin, the auctioneer and real estate broker, or the owners who reside 3 miles west and 2 miles north of Orchard.

MR. & MRS. ED PORTER, Owner

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