

PrairieLand Talk

A Shed of Your Own

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Last year, as they have it figured out back there in Washington, 1,200,000 new dwelling houses went up across the nation. I know him quite well—knew him when he was next to a beggar. He has contributed a few score new houses to the list of fine homes and is still at it, one of his recently built, fine houses setting where a year ago it was open prairie. He asks \$60,000 dollars for a deed and title to that "modern mansion." Sixty thousand for a shed you can call your own! Many fine new homes now stand in attractive surroundings in O'Neill where some years ago it was open prairie. It was in the '90's, a period of hard times, that a white painted dwelling of some six or seven rooms stood two blocks west of First street and a block south of what now is known as Everett street, that the owner offered for sale for \$50—and no taker for a time as I recall, but he finally came down a few dollars, got the best he could and sought his elderado in other parts. But times, conditions and human notions change. A sixty thousand dollar mansion of today may be a six hundred dollar cottage in a year or two.



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A star in the flag of our country now glows for those Hawaiian Islands out in the blue waters of the Pacific ocean. Citizens of that little floral-adorned, island kingdom had looked into the past history of the mainland of which they were to become a part as another territory taking on statehood and had discovered that the great achievements of our country were the fruits of Republican state and national administrative heads; so the first election in Hawaii a near 100 percent vote was cast, the Republican candidates in the majority when election returns were in. And doubtless it was noted by our island neighbors that the Democratic "land-slide" of a year or so ago at the "home base" has uprightly with no bank scandals . . . Railroads of

A name that begins with a K ending with a V. A notable from across the widespread Atlantic and then deep in eastern and northern Europe, one who floats the banner of Russian Reds. As an outgrowth of our Vice President Nixon going abroad, the notable from communists' lands is to visit our own notables in the nation's Capital which we know as Washington early next month. Coming here to see for himself a bit of life as we Americans live it, to talk of it and devise ways of peace or this troubled world. The milk of human kindness throbs in the breasts of mankind everywhere and eventually trouble makers become fed up on it. Peace—is the cold war about to melt?

Editorial

A Wicked Pebble

Now would be a good time for all of us to read the Communist Manifesto or to re-read it.

When it was written many years ago and when the political principal of the "dictatorship of the Proletariat" was first voiced and first written down, it scarcely made more impact on the world than a pebble thrown casually in a pond.

The principal anticipates that the "prole" (the working man) must be guided until some future date when there will be no distinction drawn between the worker and the employer, between the citizen and the political leader, between the governed and governor, and is being carried out just as was planned.

In the writings of Stalin and Lenin it was anticipated that many different approaches would be necessary to bring the world in line with their political and economic beliefs.

The history of the relationship between Communism and the free world's economic and political systems, has been controlled, unfortunately, by the Russians.

When they want to be nice, they are nice. When they want to be tough, they get tough. When they want to be passive, they are passive.

But don't ever forget this—they are in position to call the cards and they have been and are doing so now.

And we must never forget this: Just as they have decided to foster what they call good international relations in considering a trip by Khrushchev to the United States, they can decide tomorrow or after his visit that they want to play tough again.

They will choose whatever method they wish at the moment and that little pebble thrown into the pond during the revolutionary movement in Russia has produced waves of the highest proportions. This does not mean that we should quit trying, that we should not welcome Khrushchev, that we should not attempt to stop the cold war or prevent or delay a hot war.

But it does mean this: We must not get the impression that there has been a change in the attitudes of the Communists. The waves of alternating good will, passiveness and tough-mindedness is simply a tactic—formulated years ago by a little band of revolutionaries striking at the Czar of Russia.

Their principal is plastic—their attempts at bringing the world under this "dictatorship of the proletariat" is even more plastic.

A hundred visits to the United States by men like Khrushchev, a hundred visits to Russia by men like Nixon will not change the flexible and insidious ideology which strikes at the heart of our own political, social, philosophical, economic and religious frame of mind.

And it is this frame of mind of ours that they wish to change and after everything is reduced to fundamentals they know it cannot be done with threats alone, it cannot be done with friendly visits alone and it cannot be done with passiveness alone.

Ah, but take a combination of the three and other attitudes toward peoples abroad. This is their hope, their master plan, because they know that the human mind, if it is to be brought under control at all, must be changed with subtlety and deft-

Again highways and prairie trails lead to Chambers and here they come to see the fun that only the county fair can dish up. What we ancients knew as the Holt county fair, got going in 1884 or '85 at the then "fair grounds" about a mile east of O'Neill's present Fourth street, the chief exhibits then the big watermelons raised out in the Michigan settlement and the Longhorn Texas cattle from the McClure and the Elwood ranches. Down at Chambers it was once the South Fork fair, now encompassing all of Holt county. Fair time was once autumn time, now under the glare of midsummer sun, and there friend meets friend to enjoy the fun.

By grace and skill he built a temple, walls of enduring gold inlaid stone and roofed above with true and perfect skill. That temple stands today a clean and unstained human soul!

After 63 years with the Richardson county bank down at Falls City Frank Schaible now lies in his grave, after 82 years on life's highway walking uprightly with no bank scandals . . . Railroads of Nebraska are in the courts seeking tax relief. Railroad could be on the way out; during my last three-day visit in O'Neill I heard one train pass through . . . A Capital City police officer took 56 "underprivileged" children on a trip to Oklahoma, the kids having a grand time, the officer reports . . . Maybe friend Senator Frank would like to know that all is quiet at the State House since he left for home. Senator Fern tells me she will soon file for renomination, maybe has by now.

A block north of Douglas street on 6th street stands the attractive temple devoted to Christian services where the Methodists of the O'Neill community gather from week to week. Where that edifice now stands stood the first church building devoted to Methodism of pioneer days. It was in use those days before becoming dedicated as a sacred place of worship, the school room of the pioneer kids, the late Kate Mann being the teacher. The only one of that pioneer primary school kids attending Miss Mann's school in that Methodist church still here is the venerable John Sullivan of just south of the river. And it may be that L. G. Gillespie is the oldest surviving member of that church. But I do not believe that Lloyd was in Kate Mann's primary class conducted in the old church building.

The son, the daughter, each concerned for the welfare and comfort of their aged and invalid mother, for a wrinkled and toil worn dad, not only comply with one of the precepts of the Ten Commandments that brings joy to their aged parents but touches the tender heartstrings of son and daughter.

Children and Divorce

What can be going wrong here in Holt county? Why is it that the number of births, one of the most healthy signs in the social importance and economy of an area is on the decrease and one of the poorest signs, divorce, is on the increase?

In the years 1956 and again last year, Holt county recorded more divorces (16) than the 10-year average (approximately 12) and during the same years recorded much less than the average (380) births.

Now it would be a foolish conclusion, as a rule, to draw from a 10-year average of births and divorces—especially in an area with only 15,000 people, that there is a relationship between the number of children born and the number of divorces in this area.

But we have a sneaking suspicion that if anyone, with enough energy to get the totals for the United States, would find that such a relationship would exist.

It may be quite trite in this modern society of ours to say that children hold the home together, but the local figures back it up 100 percent.

Pride of Atkinson

The 400 people that were in Atkinson to see the annual gladiolus and flower show received a treat.

They were quite enthused with the displays and the originality of the winners, even though, many growers felt that it was not the best year for the plants.

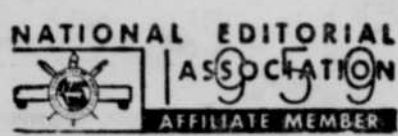
Quite a bit of favorable comment was given the Alaska theme and the individual species on display. We are not sure of just how far people came to see the display, several persons from Norfolk stopped on their way through and at least one woman and her daughter were there from Illinois.



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Frontiers Ago

50 Years Ago

During the lightning storms at Inman, G. A. Gannon lost four head of cattle and Al Riley lost a cow. Dave Babcock's house was struck, damaging it considerably. Sherold's barn was struck with a loss of about \$50. A number of hay stacks were destroyed. Miss Anna Albers departed for a short visit with relatives and friends in Omaha. . . . A number of people gathered at the home of Jay Butler at Inman where they had been invited to attend a musical. . . . Dr. Z. W. Wood, a veterinary living in Swan precinct, was accidentally killed when he was out on the prairie gathering sand cherries and had a shot gun with him which was accidentally discharged, striking the unfortunate man and inflicting a wound from which he died in a few minutes. . . . Col. Barney Stewart was up from Page attending the races and carnival.

30 Years Ago

The O'Neill high school band, under the direction of Ira George, and accompanied by a large delegation of O'Neill citizens, went to Darwell where the band played for the rodeo. . . . Miss Angela G. Fribill, who has been attending the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, returned home. . . . The Old Settlers Picnic was planned for August 15, 1939, at the Liddy Grove, 19 miles north of O'Neill, just off highway 281. . . . Montana Jack Sullivan, of Omaha, and Phillip, arrived in O'Neill to spend a couple of weeks visiting with friends in the old home town. . . . The legislature passed a new Nebraska speed law effective September 8, 1939, controlling the rate of speed on Nebraska highways. . . . Ralph Oppen and Fred E. Alder of O'Neill and Gerald Brown of Emmet were among the 247 students who received degrees from the U. of Nebr. at the close of the summer session. . . . Rev. C. J. Ryan, S.P., of Omaha, arrived here to take over the parish of Father J. O'Brien, who is away on his vacation. . . . The Schulz Grocery store had a 6th anniversary sale. . . . Death: James Holland, age 60, of Chicago, formerly of O'Neill.

10 Years Ago

This week's issue of The Frontier was the Holt County Fair edition containing the report of the 15 member delegation of the highway 281 association met with Gov. Val Peterson in Lincoln to discuss future plans for improvements of that North-South arterial highway. . . . The Jack and Jill corner this week featured Miss Patsy Kay Davidson, 11 1/2 month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Davidson and Miss Betty Jean Brittell, 2 1/2 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jean F. Inman. . . . Thousands of people were on hand for the grand Hay Days parade, inaugurating the annual two-day color spectacle at Atkinson. . . . Married: Jeannine Waring and Kenneth Heiss of Page; Miss Margaret Jean Froschel, O'Neill, and John Edward McDonald, Atkinson; Mary Ellen Lenemann, Omaha, and John Shoemaker, O'Neill. . . . Approximately 240 Holt county 4-H'ers attended achievement day activities at the O'Neill public high school. . . . Mrs. E. H. Harris was severely burned when a double boiler she was using, exploded. . . . Death: W. W. Watson, 84, of Inman, pioneer businessman died at Lincoln.

Five Years Ago

Henry E. Rohrer, 60-year-old O'Neill man, badly crippled by polio in 1919, made plans to open a shoe repair shop in West O'Neill in and near the building between the Hotel O'Neill and the Nu Way Cafe. . . . Rev. Ernest Smith is the new pastor of Christ Lutheran church in O'Neill and St. Paul's Lutheran church at Atkinson. . . . Married: Miss Maxine Peterson, Amelia and Paul R. Johnston, Atkinson; Leona Rae Kazda, Atkinson and Bryson L. Brazill, Lincoln. . . . Oscar R. Kischke, 75, retired architectural engineer residing in San Diego, Calif., revisited scenes of his childhood, having been away from Holt county for 65 years. . . . Walter Kruse, 18, of Redbird community, was injured when the car he was repairing slipped off the jack and fell on him. . . . Miss Marcella Tomjack was honored at a reception shower at the parlors of the Bethany Presbyterian church at Chambers. . . . Death: Henry Eickhoff, 74, village marshal and water superintendent in Page for four years; William H. Hartland, 71, Redbird; Charles W. Conner, 67, veteran Atkinson automobile dealer and a lifetime resident of Holt county.

ROYAL THEATER

Fri.-Sat. Aug. 14-15 "LONE TEXAN" Starring Willard Parker, Grant Williams, Audrey Dalton, Douglas Kennedy, June Blair, with Dabbs Greer.

Sun.-Mon.-Tues. Aug. 16-17-18 "HERCULES" Starring Steve Reeves, Sylvia Koskina, featuring Gianna Maria Canale, with Fabrizio Mioni.

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State Capital News

Entire Nebraska To Be Effected If Road Building Slowdown Comes

By Melvin Paul, Statehouse Correspondent, The Nebraska Press Association

LINCOLN — Slowdown of the highway building program could reach economically into all corners of Nebraska.

This was the reason for immediate concern in the state's capital when the House Ways and Means Committee in Washington said there ought to be a cutback in federal spending from the trust fund.

This is the fund from which the federal government allocates money to the states for constructing highways.

State Engineer Roy Cochran temporarily halted all obligations of federal money until the Congress had made up its mind on the rate of spending.

An ironic twist to the matter is that the trust fund is short \$400 million—exactly the amount of funds allocated by Congress last year for a "crash" road program. The crash program was designed as an anti-recession measure.

Contractors who do Nebraska road work are vitally concerned. They had over estimated the speed of highway work anyway and many are loaded with equipment and men. This accounts for the keen competition for state projects.

The longer the problem continues without a solution the closer many contractors come to financial trouble.

Also affected are the hundreds of workers in related cement and petroleum industries who furnish material for road building.

Railroads Protest Three Nebraska railroads served notice they will let the State Supreme Court decide whether they are valued too high for tax purposes.

The lines are the Burlington, Union Pacific and Northwestern. It is the first time since 1923 railroads have gone to the courts to determine their assessed worth.

Union Pacific attorneys claim the line is assessed \$19.3 million too high. Burlington representatives say their over assessment is \$14.1 million and the Northwestern said it is valued \$3.3 million too much.

Road Wages There is every indication Nebraskans will be reading much in the future about wage rates for highway projects.

This is the bugaboo that plagued former Republican Gov. Victor Anderson in his last term.

Basically, the Associated General Contractors of Nebraska—who build most of the roads in the state—claim Gov. Ralph G. Brooks is setting wage levels "demand by national labor unions" on highway projects.

The governor denied this and also denied that he is violating federal regulations as charged by the AGC.

Brooks said he has set a policy that the minimum wage on regular road projects should be that paid by a majority of the contractors in the immediate area.

That is the policy in effect for work on the Interstate highway. Previously the highway department has used as a minimum wage the average paid by 95 percent of the contractors on state highway projects.

The AGC charged that national labor unions are "arrogantly using" the governor's office as a business agent for the unions to establish eastern union wage on Nebraska highway jobs.

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Inman News By Mrs. James McMahan

Mr. and Mrs. Earl L. Watson spent Sunday in Norfolk visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Hartigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McElvain of Omaha spent the weekend in the home of Mrs. McElvain's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Coventry and relatives in O'Neill.

Miss Lorraine Butterfield returned Friday from Norfolk where she spent a week visiting in the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Stevens and family.

Mrs. Ray Siders spent Sunday visiting in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hibbs and family and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Snyder and family near O'Neill.

Mrs. Jim Reis of Omaha spent a few days last week visiting in the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. David Morsbach.

Mrs. Edwin Langley returned Wednesday from Valentine where she spent a few days visiting in the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Slusher and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rogers and two granddaughters of Granite Falls, Wash., came Friday to visit in the home of Mrs. Rogers' brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Clark.

Mrs. James Banks and son, Roger, spent a few days last week visiting in the home of Mrs. O. V. Moore at Petersburg.

Ralph Taylor and Mrs. Jimmie Taylor and sons of Hay Springs spent Thursday and Friday visiting in the home of Mrs. Ray Siders and Marilyn. Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Siders are brother and sister.

Sgt. and Mrs. Howard Clark and family returned to Omaha Thursday where Sgt. Clark is stationed at the air base after spending a few days visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle DeLong accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meyer to Omaha Wednesday where Mr. Meyer entered an Omaha hospital. Mrs. Meyer and Mr. and Mrs. DeLong visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Meyer before returning home Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Wrede and family of O'Neill and Mrs. James McMahan were August 5 evening guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Mattson.

Miss Linnelle Tompkins, who is employed in Lincoln for the summer, came Thursday evening to spend a few days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey A. Tompkins and sons.

Mrs. Duane Sukup and family of Page were August 5 visitors in the home of Mrs. Sukup's grandmother Mrs. Ray Siders and Marilyn.

rather than the distance, the children come home only on weekends.

These stories will deal with the way our state road program is financed and how this affects our community in relationship with the very dense populated districts in Lincoln and Omaha. The articles will deal with population, the federal gas tax, and the sufficiency system. The articles will also deal with the method the county board of supervisors uses to determine which roads are repaired and when they are repaired.

Some of the coming articles in this series will deal with the county and state maintained roads in Holt county, what has been done by the Department of Roads, what is planned, how we stand in relation to other counties, what we the very dense populated districts our roads, as well as facts that should be known in general about transportation in the county.

(Advertisement) Tuna Tomato Bisque Beats the August Heat

When it's too hot to turn on the oven and the family is too weary to eat an elaborate meal anyway, serve them this tuna tomato bisque, suggests Joe Sive-sind, local salesman for the Meadow Gold Dairy. It's a nourishing milk soup filled with pieces of tuna and minced onion, he points out.

Unlike most soups, this one doesn't require hours of long, slow cooking. You can prepare it in half an hour in your double boiler, says Beatrice Cooke, director of the test kitchens in Chicago where the recipe was developed. Serve it with bread sticks and a crisp tossed salad.

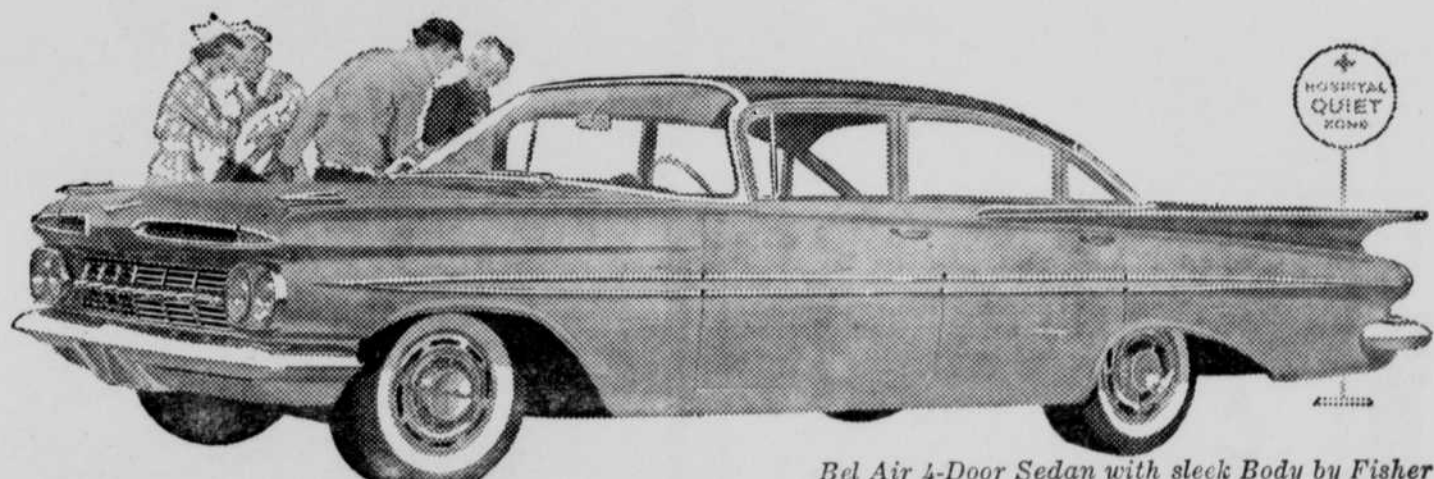
Tuna Tomato Bisque (Four Servings) 2 tablespoons butter 1 small onion, finely chopped 2 tablespoons flour 1 quart whole or skim milk 1/4 teaspoon crushed tarragon 1/2 teaspoon seasoning salt 1 1/2 teaspoons salt 3/4 teaspoon pepper 1 1/2 cups can tuna, drained and flaked 2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley

Cook onion in butter in top of double boiler until tender. Blend in flour. Gradually stir in skim milk. Add tarragon and seasonings. Cook over hot water until slightly thickened. Slowly stir in tomato paste and tuna. Heat until hot. Serve immediately. Garnish each serving with parsley.

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