

Prairieland Talk

A Wild-Eyed Guy

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Senator Fern Hubbard Orme introduced Gov. Brooks to the group of members of the Lincoln Women's club at their gathering the evening of September 28, and in her talk spoke of various things of statewide interest for which the governor hopes to promote. The day previous, Sunday the 27th, Mrs. Orme took part in the city-wide visit from door to door of those who had been selected for the job of ascertaining what, if any, was the church connections of Lincoln citizens. Mrs. Orme informs me that one wild-eyed guy just about spit in her face when she asked him if he was a church goer. Senator Orme thanked him and hurried to the next residence.

The governors of the two great prairieland states of Nebraska and South Dakota were at O'Neill to open the two-state rodeo. Shades of the booted and spurred riders of long ago! Where are they all today—Tom Kearney, Tim Banel, John the Long Hair, Bob, Joel, Harry, and the others that mounted the wild ones by day and plunged along the streets of the town? A two-state bronc busting performance got going at O'Neill Sunday a day of worship and church attendance for many, a day for the big sports of our times and the chief executive of one state and a representative of another here to start it all off. The riders of days gone hung up saddles and bridles on Sunday out of respect for those who held that day sacred. No bronc riding here at O'Neill on Sunday in the days of real wild horses and the guys that could ride them.

A little group of hardy Americans, shivering in the cold, it being 70 degrees below, set up the United States flag at the South Pole as the month of September entered its last week. We have not been to the moon and never will be, but the earth has felt the tread of Yankee feet from pole to pole.

He says his name is Gove, born in Lancaster county or what became Lancaster county, and has traveled the highway of life for 93 years, most of it spent in the community in which he was born. In homestead days he took up land in Box Butte county, lived there long enough to "prove up" sold out and came to Lincoln; has had two wives, raised two families, and for 30 years was precinct assessor here in the Capitol City. He enjoys good health, is a pleasant old guy to spend an hour with. Traveling life's rugged highway for 93 years you learn a few things. And he is a Presbyterian.

Two men from China, one from Japan, one young woman from Korea, another young lady from our 50th state, Hawaii, and one of our own, educated cultured with womanly charm and dignity. This was the group representing a world-wide religious, ed-

ucational and medical service that were on the platform yesterday, each speaking a few words to an audience of some 2,000 listeners. Yes, they come to our Capitol City to add their sum of human knowledge and spiritual inspiration by studying at an educational institution devoted to just that. So, we plebeians see and hear those from lands without the layout of the cost of a trip abroad. But that cultured lady of prairieland had been abroad and has come back to tell us the story of what she saw and heard in Africa and Asiatic lands.

Dr. Aeschbacher, director of our State Historical Society, tells us that among recent visitors at the society headquarters in Lincoln, was Prof. R. M. Robertson of the University of Indiana who is going back to the days of Populist party bigwigs and the late W. J. Bryan, especially interested in the financial resources of those days. As one who experienced in all Prairieland Talker can testify that there were no "financial resources" but we still had an ear of corn and a bite of beef.

It was a day in November, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. John Hallorans of the Inman community celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. The story has been given before here-in, but is worth repeating. As bride and groom the Hallorans were to spend their first Thanksgiving day on the prairies of Holt County, with nothing to eat in their one-room homestead abode but some dried cherries they had brought from Iowa. So the cherries made up a thanksgiving feast, their first in Holt county. Abundance in the Halloran home in after years. . . . Barney McGreevy was in the news those days and he in a heap of trouble, depositors of the defunct bank of which McGreevy had been cashier red hot after him. . . . Joe Horiskey was offering bananas for 10 cents a dozen. Today they are about a dime for one. . . . Mrs. J. H. Meredith was home again after a month's visit with her parents at Edeysville, Iowa. . . . E. J. Mack, cashier of the Inman bank, spent the day in O'Neill taking in the tax sale of property at the court house.

The Russian notable is back in Moscow after a visit to the United States where he saw "capital at work" in all its wonders, admitted he learned much and from which he hopes to profit, spoke highly to his people of our president, and reputed to be an unbeliever in Diety he said, after a look at us from coast to coast. "God has helped Americans." Do we admit as much?

The dead leaves fall. Autumn days are here, another season of growing; things come to an end to lay in our lap a bountiful harvest, and with the falling leaves the landscape to become robed in autumn colors.

Editorial

A Fresh 71,000 Acres?

In just two short years a study of Holt county will be thrown on the desks of Congressmen in Washington and the resultant action of those men could change the "face" of our community.

The O'Neill unit of the Missouri River Basin irrigation project was authorized by Public Law 612 and approved August 21, 1954. It was authorized with the condition that a report on the possibility of ditch irrigation be prepared and approved by Congress before construction is initiated.

The Frontier has been notified that this report is now nearly complete and is scheduled to be submitted to the Congress in early 1961.

The O'Neill unit consists of 71,000 acres of irrigatable land extending from Atkinson in the west to approximately 12 miles east of O'Neill.

Water for irrigation of the land can be stored in a reservoir on the Niobrara river in the vicinity of Norden. It can be transported to the area by a proposed canal which would extend from the reservoir 60 miles east to a point north of Atkinson.

According to the preliminary plans, The Frontier learned that approximately 250 miles of sub-canals and laterals can provide irrigation water to the individual land owners. A drainage system can be provided to remove waste water and flood runoff from the irrigated lands.

The estimated cost of the water to the Holt county farmers is expected to be from \$6 to \$11 per acre per year.

Now it will be some time before that report hits the desks of your representative. In the meantime we should keep our eye on this development and find out as much as we can about it.

In the future issues of the Frontier, detailed reporting on the Bureau of Reclamation's proposed project in the O'Neill area will be available for our readers.

Suffice it to say now that the careful irrigation of 71,000 acres could, if handled properly, make the difference between Holt county as an agricultural and cattle feeding "giant" or a laggard doomed to the transitional soil and climate of today.

The 'Bullet Head'

(From the Ord Quiz)

This newspaper is just a little sick to its stomach at the way the press fawned on the Krushchev tour. If there was anyone that overplayed the importance of the bullet-headed little peasant, the Western Midwest Press certainly did.

And if the Krushchev visit turned from an openly cold reception at the start (which it should have been) to one that got out of hand with enthusiasm towards the last, then reporters are responsible.

We would like to have seen Krushchev received with polite but cold formality. If we had been operating the newspapers we would have recognized his visit and then went on with routine chores. To our way of thinking, this little man isn't any great shakes as a statesman, a politician or even a human being.

Instead he's a cunning, brutal, mass murderer more concerned with conning this country out of something than with the peace he frequently mentions.

No Hunting Signs

The time has come again to remind hunters that care should be taken to obtain permission of farmers and ranchers in the area before hunting entry is made.

Many of our farmers and ranchers have no objection to hunting on their land if permission is asked. Each year careless hunters cause the loss of valuable livestock by leaving gates open or by careless shooting.

The newspaper business puts us in a unique position when it comes to finding out what the attitudes of the ranchers are. Many of them will buy "no hunting" signs period. These men, more often than not, have been hurt financially by the careless hunter and you can't blame them. Others will ask for signs that read "hunting by permission only." These men have more patience with us and why many do, you can only wonder.

Let's use the land as if it were our own. The sportsmanship good hunters strive for must include the decency of a request. Even though the land is not posted, we should ask.

What's A Good

(from the Blair Pilot Tribune)

A press release in a Nebraska daily newspaper reported the story of a member of a school board in an Illinois town who decided to find out, "What is a good school, and what makes it."

The board member devoted considerable time, wrote to a number of schools and did some research work on the question.

The report of the research was: "As you might expect, the principals listed many reasons: the quality of their teachers, the educational level of the community, grouping of students according to ability. But over and over again one factor was mentioned: hard work."

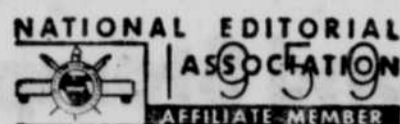
Hard work has been the basic reason for success for centuries. We wonder if the board member was surprised or disappointed in the results of his research.



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Frontiers Ago

50 Years Ago

Contractor Smith has commenced plastering the new post office building and they expect to have the building ready for occupancy about October 15, 1909. . . . The annual meeting of the Holt County Women's Christian Temperance Union was held in O'Neill the end of September. . . . Miss Mary Carney has accepted a position as bookkeeper at the Golden furniture and hardware store.

Jack Welch, formerly at the Golden hardware is a new man at McManus' grocery. James Timlin having resigned his place there to take a position with the Galena Lumber Company. . . . M. J. Enright and James Carney returned from a ten day visit with old time friends and relatives in Tripp county. . . . L. L. Mandeville, who has resided in town for the past two years, rented his O'Neill residence and moved back on his farm, six miles northeast of town. . . . Married: John P. Sullivan and Miss Maggie Harrington, O'Neill; William Meals, Valdez, Alaska, and Miss Rose Daley, O'Neill.

20 Years Ago

Twenty-five hundred 4-H and feeder calves assembled at the O'Neill State Pavilion for the Holt County Feeder Calf Show and Sale. The 4-H had 123 calves entered. The Grand champion feeder calf was owned by Patty Schaefer of O'Neill and the reserve champion was owned by Elaine Ressel of Chambers. . . . A. E. Bowen, Roy Sauers and Charles Witt went to McCook where they planned to attend a meeting of the B.P.L. . . . Married: Miss

Frances Jane Cleary and Clinton Erwin Cronin, O'Neill. . . . Mrs. M. R. Sullivan planned to leave this week for Omaha where she will join the Nebraska contingents of postmasters who will attend the annual convention of the National Association of Postmasters to be held in Washington, D. C. . . . Death: Mrs. Alice M. Clark, former Page resident; James McManus, former resident of O'Neill. . . . Mrs. D. H. Clauson, Elsie Mae Landis, Mrs. Jack Honeycutt and Miss Hazel Brechtel entertained at a pre-nuptial shower at the home of Mrs. Clauson in honor of Miss Catherine Stanton who will marry John Cuddy.

10 Years Ago

King Sam Thompson and Queen Alice Ann Minton led the mile-long parade which was a highlight of O'Neill's Diamond Jubilee celebration. . . . The O'Neill city council unanimously adopted a resolution to install an overhead street lighting system on Douglas street and fourth street. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Max Berger, O'Neill purchased the Elife Cafe from Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mangan. . . . The Ewing Tigers swamped O'Neill 31-0. . . . The R. R. Robertson beverage company opened its office and warehouse in the J. P. Ryan elevator building here. The firm will distribute Schlitz and Metz beers. . . . Married: Lois Heiss and Richard Asher of Page. . . . About 5,000 people were on hand to witness the Diamond Jubilee Fall Festival celebration here. . . . The Mode O'Day frock shop has been established in the building which formerly housed the Hoffman Electric, one door west of the M & M Cafe. . . . Married: Miss Clara Mae Bahl, Emmet and Arthur Holtz of O'Neill. . . . St. Mary's scored at 1 over the Marty Mission Indians with a final score of 62-0.

5 Years Ago

Sebastian Pongratz, 62-year old Bavarian farmer, took leave of Holt county having completed a three months' visit with his brother, George Pongratz, who resides northeast of Emmet. . . . Married:

Rev. Ernest Smith of O'Neill and Mrs. Katherine Williams of Albuquerque, N. M.; Miss Elizabeth Josphine Gartner, Chambers, and Stanley Eugene Watson, O'Neill. . . . Sixty-eight Nebraska high school bands, including combined O'Neill high school-St. Mary's academy band participated in last day activities at the University of Nebraska, October 16, 1949. . . . A large hay barn nearly full of hay belonging to Charles Fox of O'Neill and located half a mile east of Emmet was destroyed by fire. . . . The probable location was determined for a new 8-thousand dollar office building at O'Neill for the Niobrara Valley Electric Membership Corporation. . . . Judging teams from 10 Future Farmers of America chapters representing north Nebraska high schools competed at Valentine in conjunction with the Nebraska Hereford show held there. . . . Deaths: Mrs. Rosetta Fridley, 78, Ewing; Leonard Heiss, 80, Page; Henry J. Heuton, 72, Atkinson, retired fire chief; Mrs. Richard Kaiser, 77, Amelia, lifelong resident of Holt county.

Letter To Editor

O'Neill, Nebr.

DEAR EDITOR: I was much interested in your editorial "Lonely O'Neillites". You surely have the right idea. A home for the aged is much needed where a few old folks could be together and amuse themselves. The young people of today have no time to care for or help amuse their aged parents. Hope you succeed in getting O'Neill interested in this. One of the Lonely O'Neillites

Stuart, Nebr.

DEAR EDITOR: I read your editorial in last week's Frontier. The first of the article was very good and should have made some people stop and think.

But you must not get away from O'Neill very much or you would know we have a well equipped rest home here. The home is run by two of the

nicest people I have ever known. There is a registered nurse on duty 24 hours a day and a physician on call when needed. The old folks are given the best of care and are kept clean and comfortable. We had our grandmother there for quite some time and she was happier there than she had been for years. I agree with you that it would be nice if O'Neill had a rest home, but please don't pick on Stuart because you haven't.

A Stuart Exoster. Mrs. Guy Cadwallader Editor's Note—Mrs. Cadwallader is absolutely right. There is a fine home for the aged and infirm in Stuart, the only reasonably large one in the county. There is at least one other smaller one. However, the editorial was written with the hope that the county as a whole might realize its responsibility to its older people. It is this newspaper's belief that no community can make an exception of itself simply because it has made an effort to care for its older people. Some of our smaller communities do not have the facilities or the money to build or equip reasonable institutions therefore it becomes a problem of everyone in the county.

Inman News

the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reynolds and family. Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Alexander spent the weekend in Waterbury visiting Mrs. Alexander's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Noe and family. Ed. Bill and Jennifer Clark of O'Neill spent Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Clark.

Ivan and Eugene Couch and Tom Cunningham who are employed at Campbell spent the weekend here with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hartigan and family moved to Lexington Wednesday. Mr. Hartigan has been transferred there by the Bell Telephone Co. More INMAN—Elsewhere

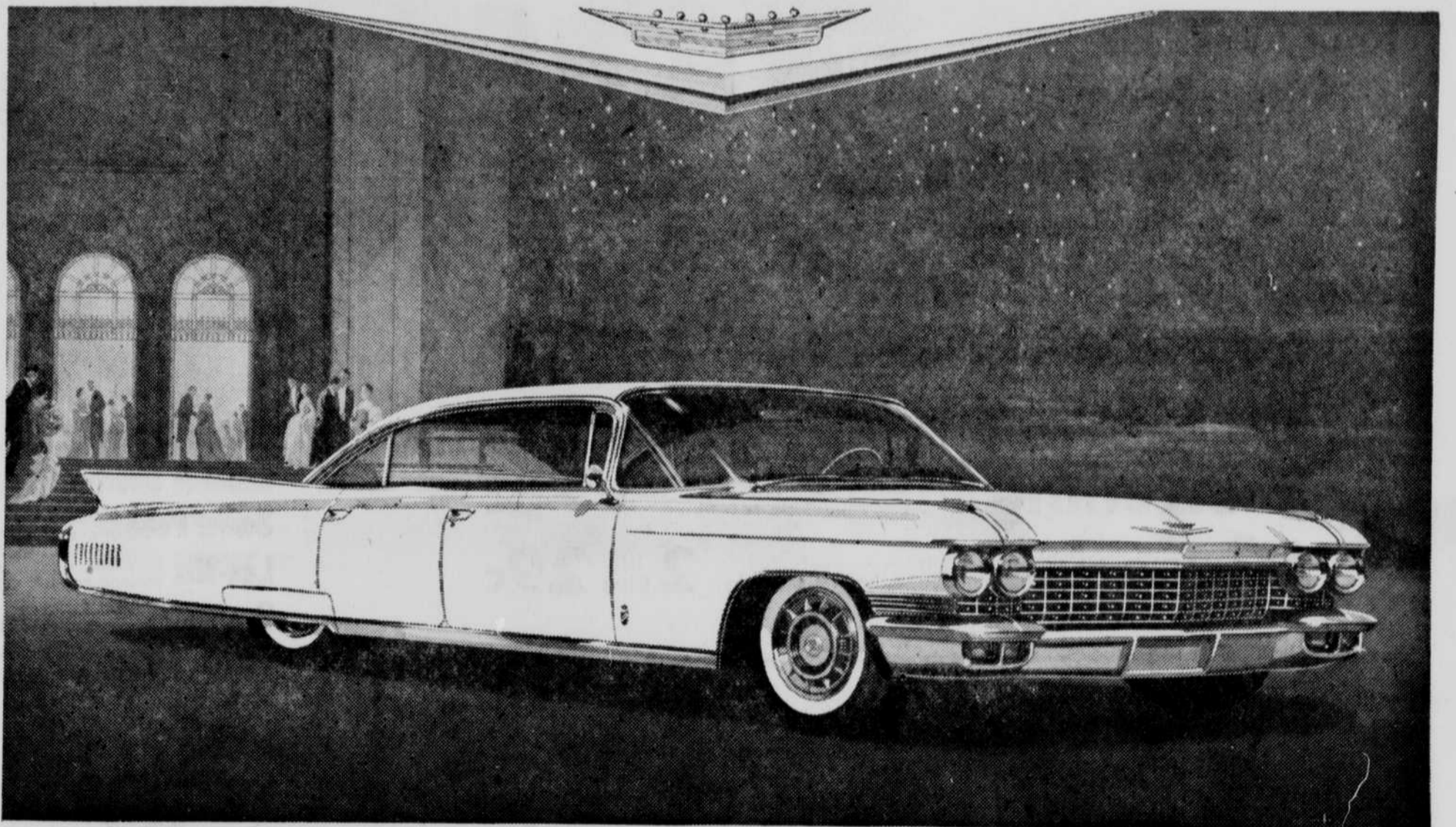
Casserole Made to Order For Buffet Supper—Indoors or Out

Here's a main dish casserole made to order for a buffet supper, whether you serve indoors or out on these last warm autumn evenings. Bill Perry, local Supervisor of the Meadow Gold Dairy, who gives us the recipe, assures us that guests are intrigued by the unusual combination of chicken, avocado and cauliflower. It is easy to put together, reports Beatrice Cooke, director of the company's Chicago test kitchens where the recipe was created. You merely prepare a richer than usual cream sauce using coffee cream as well as milk and alternate layers of the sauce with other ingredients in a baking dish. Chicken Avocado Casserole (Six servings)

- 1/4 cup butter
5 tablespoons flour
2 teaspoons salt
1/4 teaspoon white pepper
1 1/4 cups milk
1 cup coffee cream
1 ripe avocado
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 cups sliced cooked chicken
1 cup head cauliflower, cooked
1 cup grated natural cheddar cheese
Melt butter in fry pan. Stir in flour and seasonings. Gradually add milk and coffee cream. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and comes to a boil. Cut avocado in half, lengthwise; remove seed and peel. Cut into slices; sprinkle with lemon juice. In a buttered 1 1/2 quart casserole, alternate layers of chicken, cauliflower, avocado, cheese and sauce. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

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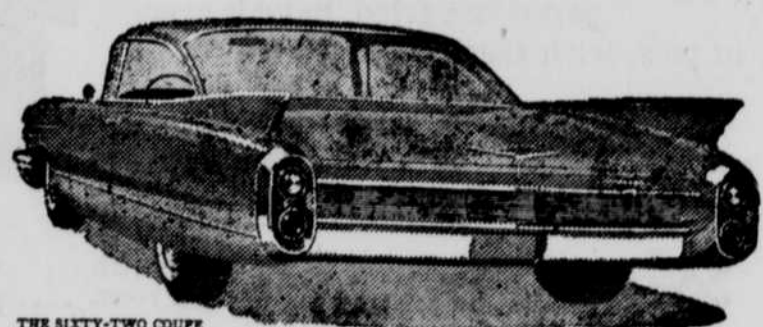
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