

Prairieland Talk

"Let's Have Railroads"

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A retired railroad man from a state to the east and south recently spent a few days with relatives in our Capital City. We of the newspaper fraternity run into such as he from time to time. During our brief visit parked where a city bus would pull up shortly that former railroad worker stated emphatically that railroad travel is about done for except on transcontinental lines, and told of a number of abandoned passenger trains in various sections of the country. Seventy years ago wanted railroads so bad that bonds were voted to raise money to help build a railroad through O'Neill and on a mile west to get into that township that had voted bonds. Trucks, buses, automobiles, airplanes now have taken from the railroads what the railroads took from covered wagon freighters and Pony Express riders a century ago. What next? Many say, restore to us the good old railroad passenger trains.



Romaine Saunders

A home for the lonely old timers here in O'Neill. The Frontier starts the talk. Pioneer grandfathers and grandmothers closed their eyes on life's last scenes under the ministry of a daughter, a son or other near relative. Grandma Harnish cared for by a daughter and a son. Grandfather and grandmother Everett breathed their last in the home of a devoted daughter. And others of the aged cared for by sons or daughters. The Triggs, the Bentleys, old grandfather Mann, The Millards, Mrs. Stannard and many others whose last days on earth were where they could look up into the eyes of a sympathizing daughter or son. Pat McManus who had traveled life's highway alone for about four score years closed tired eyes in death in his home just back of the Frontier building. And I see them from where my typewriter rests old women, old men such as I, ministered to day by day by a devoted daughter, a kindly son. Yes, take over the old hotel on South 4th street, establish an Old Folks Home.

She is a retired school teacher taking it easy in her home community in a distant state and rolls about on streets and highways in the auto she has driven for more than thirty years, is well satisfied with the ancient Ford and boasts that a gallon of gas rolls her along 22 miles, and she wants nothing better than that. A new car. Yes, many feel they must have one as soon as they come on the market.

The foaming glass that cheers, then intoxicates, that leads to the drunkards' doom is to be forever barred from the banquet boards in Canada when state officials gather for social and government fun.

Opportunity, Meek, Bliss, Joy — you will find it all in communities in Holt county. And another community that was on Charley Downy's stage route in the long ago still is lighted by the glow of a lone Star. But no longer a postmaster by the side of Aunt Inez where we formerly went to pick up our mail and buy a sack of sugar.

Not what they were, your ancestral tribe of generations swept away; it is what you are as you travel life's highway. From the morning of life to noonday glare, then on toward the golden glow of life's sunset the story has been written of human actions done. Shall that story be written in the firmament of gold that "shine as the brightness of the firmament, turning many to righteousness that will shine as the stars forever and ever."

Prairieland Talker was delighted when on October 19 he found that the mail carrier had brought him a letter from my young friend out in the Eagle Creek country, Trudy Schultz. A year or more had passed since last hearing from Trudy. She says she has had a pleasant summer out there where the hand of nature has touched the land with beauty and a Crystal flowing stream. And Trudy has survived the summer after sustaining a broken arm in a fall when she attempted to mount a two-year-old offspring of Glass Eyes, her steady riding pony. A pleasure of the summer was a visit from an uncle with his wife and children out from Massachusetts. She tells of 12 baby ducks, the mother duck being nabbed by a coon, and then a coon hunt when a big one was killed and brought in. And Glass Eyes has another colt. Thanks Trudy for your-good letter. Hope I can see you some day.

He said his name was Sullivan and was complimented for having a good Irish name. Then at our first meeting — I never saw him before or since — he touched me for bus fare, solemnly promising to return it next day. That was ten days ago and has not been seen since. That is not like the Sullivans I have known in and around O'Neill. John, John Paul, Florie, Montana Jack, M. M., Felix and the others; their word was as good as the cash — all generous, open handed and if making a verbal deal, stood by it. The little this deceiving Capital City Sullivan snagged me for hurts only that I must lower a fellow being to the state of a crook.

He walked by the Sea of Galilee more than nineteen hundred years ago, touched blind eyes and gave them sight. A 12-year-old boy out at the great city of Seattle sightless for 12 years now sees. Science of healing and restoring of sight does wonders today, but there are still unsolved mysteries connected with these human bodies of ours, mysteries that in the end lay us under the sod.

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

The dedication of the Dorsey Presbyterian church was planned for October 31, 1909. . . . C. C. Millard has been nominated by the republicans of O'Neill for city assessor. . . . O. W. Baker moved to town from the Dry Creek country and has engaged in real estate business with Donohoe and McKenna. . . . John Carr, the Stafford cattle king, was in O'Neill on his return from a cattle buying trip in the western part of the country. . . . The McClure ranch down in McClure township was burned. . . . D. A. Boyle bought a handsome large Percheron stallion weighing 1910 in the country over north. . . . "Big Jim" the new rural county by Charles A. Gordinier, will be presented at the opera house November 1. . . . J. J. Thomas, Arthur Ryan, Tom Enright and M. H. McCarthy returned from a week's outing on the lakes in the southwest part of the county. The boys brought back 126 ducks. . . . At the grand lodge assembly of the Odd Fellows at Lincoln, O. O. Snyder of this city was named on a committee of three to have in charge the erection of the Odd Fellows home at York, a building that will cost about \$65,000.

20 YEARS AGO

William E. Wulf of Deloit township was elected as a member of the Holt county board of supervisors for the fourth district, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of County Judge Louis W. Reimer. . . . R. R. Smith, sr. went to Omaha where he attended a school for Ford salesmen. . . . Gene Streeter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Streeter, was injured when the car in which he was riding upset. . . . Robert Bilgin was held up and robbed of eight dollars and twenty cents at the cost of a gun in Omaha about a block from his home, while returning from one of his classes at the University of Nebraska medical school. . . . The National Consumers Tax Commission reported that indirect taxes buried in the cost of clothing in Holt county's apparel stores last year (1933) produced an estimated \$4,465 for local, state and national governments. . . . An Emmet man pled guilty to a District Judge Dickson on a charge of stealing a load of rye. He was sentenced to three years and ten months in the Nebraska State Penitentiary. . . . Nadine Kilpatrick, O'Neill high graduate in 1935, was one of twelve students reporting for intercollegiate forensics at Midland college Fremont. . . . Deaths: Jack Hayes, 88, Glendale Calif. formerly of Atkinson.

10 YEARS AGO

Elvin Hull, 28, of Sioux City fell 60 feet off the roof of the West building of St. Mary's academy where he was painting the ridge row near the southeast corner of the building. His condition was critical and he was rushed to Sioux City hospital. . . . Rev. Mother Ignace of Heythuizen, Holland, superior general of the Sisters of Francis spent a week at St. Mary's academy in O'Neill accompanied by Assistant Mother Clarissa, a Californian. . . . Miss Elizabeth Harris, young nurse from O'Neill, received the Linda Richard award for outstanding professional achievement, one of the highest awards in her profession. . . . Mrs. Viola A. Morgan, 86, and her son, D. F. Morgan, 60, died in an auto-truck crash at the intersection of highways 20 and 281 two miles N. W. of O'Neill. . . . John F. "Jack" Grady has been appointed to serve as a member of the 1949 Armistice day committee of the American Legion in Washington, D. C. . . . Deaths: Gus Bentz, Spencer banker; Dwight Hubby, Hastings, former O'Neill resident.

FIVE YEARS AGO

A feature story which appeared in this week's issue of The Frontier in 1954 told the story of Ferdinand, the 5 year-old purebred shorthorn bull belonging to Ivan Heiss of Page, who invaded the purebred Hereford heifer pasture on the Van Horn ranch. . . . Members of Cub Scout den 185 of Chambers visited the Frontier commercial printing and news-

paper plant and the "Voice of the Frontier" broadcasting studios. . . . Married: Miss Rita Miller, Atkinson and Anthony Hanus, Omaha. . . . Clyde Bowden was pictured as he was getting ready to put his 1923 vintage model T Ford into moth balls for the winter. . . . A 1949 Chevrolet belonging to Loyd Godel, O'Neill was stolen from the streets of O'Neill and was located near Couer d'Alene, Idaho the two young occupants of the machine were sentenced in seven years in a federal penitentiary on car theft charges. . . . Married: Miss Gertrude Sullivan and John L. McGill, jr. . . . The request of Fred Appleby and Arthur Frahm of Page for a beer license in Page was denied by the state liquor commission. . . . Deaths: Frank Weichman, 84, a pioneer resident of Atkinson.

Ewing News

By Mrs. Harold Harris

Md. and Mrs. Roland Horde and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Napier and family were guests Tuesday evening, October 20th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Kneller and family, the occasion to celebrate Mr. Kneller's birthday anniversary. Cards were played for entertainment. Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Wood transacted business in Norfolk on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray Tessmer went to Wayne Saturday where they attended homecoming at the Wayne Teachers College. The Past Matron's club and Star Kensington was entertained Monday at the home of Mrs. Mary Hies in Neligh.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Davis were hosts at a card party at their home Thursday evening. All members were present. Winners of high score were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer William Spence of O'Neill and Archie Tuttle. Lunch was served by the hosts.

The club will meet in two weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rotherham. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wright and family spent Sunday visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Butterfield at Orchard. Saturday guests at the Earl Wright home were Mrs. Raymond Hoxie and children of Orchard. Dr. Leo Spittler of Norfolk was a caller at the home of his mother, Mrs. Laura Spittler on Sunday.

Attending the funeral services for Hans Peterson at Neligh on Friday afternoon from Ewing were: Mrs. Harriet Welke and her sister, Mrs. E. J. Snyder of Glasgow, Mont., Hazel Ruby and Elsie Chase accompanied by Mrs. Claus Seivers of Gillette, Wyo., Mr. and Mrs. Fernie Jeffries, Leland Welke, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Shain, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schmidt and Tom, Mrs. Keith Biddlecome, Vlanda and Milton, Mrs. H. Parks, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schilousky and Alfred Tams, sr. and Mrs. Fred Forslund and Merrill.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus Seivers of Gillette, Wyoming has spent the past week visiting, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ruby, the Misses Hazel Ruby and Elsie Chase, Mrs. Josie Seivers, all of Ewing and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Seivers at Neligh. Mrs. Arthur Kropp accompanied by her niece, Miss Kay Jeffers of O'Neill went to Wayne Saturday to attend the homecoming. Miss Sherry Kropp, a student at Wayne accompanied her mother home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lofquest and family of Fremont spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Edna Lofquest and also his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. William Lofquest and family. Duane Horde of Syracuse was a weekend guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Horde.

Ernest Norwood attended a convention of the church of the Nazarene held at Hastings, on Tuesday. A weekend guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Conner was his brother, Deemer Conner of Orchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Thramer transacted business in Omaha Wednesday and Thursday in connection with the Gamble store. "Know Your Car" was the theme of the lesson and demonstration club presented by Mrs. Willis Rocky when the group met at her home Thursday evening. Mrs. J. L. Pruden, a guest showed a film in connection with the lesson. Members of the group assisted with the demonstration. The business session included a discussion on achievement day held Oct. 20 at O'Neill. Mrs. R. S. Brion and Mrs. Merlin Meyers were appointed to attend the

Oct. 29 meeting at O'Neill to get the Christmas lesson to present to the club. New officers or the club for the year 1960 are: Mrs. Ivan Wright, president; Mrs. Jerry Rotherham, vice-president; Mrs. R. S. Brion, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Floyd Butterfield, news reporter; Mrs. John Pruden, reading chairman. Mrs. Mina Kneller and Mrs. Merlin Meyers are new members of the club. Refreshments were served by the hosts. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Zimmermann entertained a group of friends Thursday evening at their home. Bridge was played. Lunch was served by the hosts. Mrs. J. L. Pruden was an overnight guest at the home of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Burtvistle, Friday. The ladies went to Grand Island on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Wood took Mr. A. A. Alden to Omaha on Saturday where he left by plane for Golden Dale, Wash. to visit at the home of a niece for a few months. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Larson returned home Friday after spending a few days at West Point with their daughter, Mrs. Donald Starr and family and at Oakland with Pahl and family and with Mrs. Larson's sister, Mrs. Lina Smith.

Stuart News

By Mrs. Herb Skala

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Skala of Alliance arrived Sunday evening to spend a few days with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Skala and family. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nelson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cadwallader attended the wedding of Hazel Womeldorf and Rudolph Jackson at Dallas, S. D. Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Earl Chaney entertained the Hi Five club Friday afternoon with prizes going to Agnes Engler, Fern Weichman and Louise Oiberding.

Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Oiberding of Emmet, Idaho and Charles Oiberding of Othello, Wash. arrived Wednesday to visit Mrs. Clem Oiberding and other friends and relatives at Stuart and Atkinson. Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Durr spent Saturday and Sunday in the Virgil Laursen home at O'Neill.

Harry Kopp accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Kasper Harley and Pearl Axtel attended the 56th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Schubert of Rose. Mrs. Schubert is a sister of Mr. Kopp. About 70 guests were present at the surprise affair Sunday afternoon. Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Kasper Harley, Pearl Axtel, Mrs. Ina Myers, Mrs. Z. X. Marshall and Harry Kopp viewed the Lutheran film shown at the Methodist church at Atkinson. Alberta Hoffman spent Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 19-20 at Newport with Mr. and Mrs. Everett Crosby.

Mrs. Earl Wilcox and Mrs. Lizzie Driscoll left Thursday for Sioux City and Mapleton, Ia. to visit friends and relatives before Mrs. Wilcox will return to her home in Montana. Mrs. Earl Wilcox of Drummond, Mont. and Mrs. Lizzie Driscoll were Wednesday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Hovey. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Jensen spent Sunday at Scotia visiting Pete's sister, Mrs. Karl Jensen.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Lockman helped Mrs. Libby Milnar celebrate her 80th birthday Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Milnar. All of Mrs. Milnar's family were present. Ronald Marshall, Dorothy, Danny and Susie of Midland, S. D. spent from Friday till Saturday afternoon visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Z. X. Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Timmermans and Mrs. Josephine Timmermans were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Higgins at Jamison.

Afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Lou Wevel and family of Newport and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Riggs. Mrs. James Newman, Mrs. George Minnig and Mrs. Ervin Van Cleave attended the P-TA meeting at Ainsworth Monday, Oct. 19. It was an official visit of the District Director, Mrs. James Newman. The program was similar of that given in Stuart at the last meeting. "Teen-age Problems Then and Now".

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weber spent Sunday, Oct. 18 with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Shald. Mrs. Weber's mother, Mrs. Henry Myers was with them. Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Oiberding of Emmet, Idaho were Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Shald. Mrs. Fred Stracke spent Monday through Thursday at Atkinson at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Stracke while Mrs. Stracke was in the hospital.

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Editorial

What Others Say

Win a Prize!

Neligh Leader — Neligh It's game time. We cordially invite all our farm friends to enter in the fun, and share in the prize. The rules are simple. Below are several feats to be accomplished. Do each with your right hand behind your back. Time yourself. 1. Tie your shoe laces. 2. Unscrew a tightened jar lid. 3. Pound a small tack into a board. 4. Tie your necktie. 5. Carve the meat for dinner. 6. Peel an apple. 7. Shuffle a deck of cards. 8. Light a cigarette. 9. Change blades in your razor. 10. Write a letter. Go back over the list, but this time use both hands. Again time yourself. Now compare your scores. Which was faster? Both hands, naturally. Multiply this difference by the number of days you estimate to be left in your lifetime. The total will give you a air idea of how much time you will save by turning off that corn picker before clearing the stalks. The prize—a saved finger or hand or arm or life.

Books and You

Huron Lake News — Huron Lake, Minn. It is a pity, we often think, that the American people are so enthralled by lewd sex and cheap sex novels, while the majority appears to read very little that is worthwhile. A large segment of the population even seems to prefer sensational-type magazines, and newspapers, to responsible ones, which seek to print a fair selection of the news, impartially. In view of the tremendous progress being made in Russia, in the field of education, science, music, the theater, and other related fields, it behooves every American to try to do something to improve his mind, his thinking process, and his appreciation of the better things of life. There is no denying that, in these fields, the Russian people are making tremendous progress and, even more, we might as well admit that they are out-stripping us in many of the arts. The American people have long been considered somewhat rough, or pioneer, to the European Continental, as far as the arts and the appreciation of the arts is concerned. The Russians, for generations, have also been considered a rough-hewn people, although they have been known for their musical talents for generations. The United States has been known as the leading industrial power of the world, and this has saved us, and democracy, in past crisis. On the other hand, our lead in this field is steadily being reduced by Russia, and we cannot use this lead as an excuse for not making progress in the field of culture. Therefore, we earnestly suggest that every reader consider devoting some part of his time to reading worthwhile books, or worthwhile literature, in an effort to increase this appreciation of the better things of life. The strength of our country in the

past has been the average Christian home of America, and the strong family concepts and ideals which made us a great people. These are threatened by today's over-emphasis on sex, cheap novels, cheap pictures and television programs, and the washed-out moral fiber which is continually stressed to the children of this country.

Why Aren't They Dead?

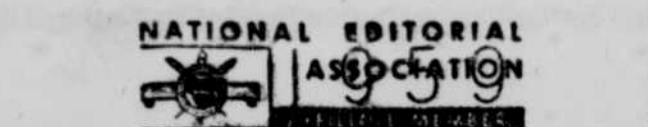
Pilot-Tribune — Blair, Nebr It is difficult to understand why the House Investigating Committee is devoting so much time and tax-payers money investigating the now-defunct "Twenty-One" program. Also, why some of the daily newspapers are giving the investigation so much front-page coverage. We understand the purpose of TV programs is to provide entertainment for those viewing and listening to the program, and to sell the sponsor's product. Undoubtedly, "Twenty-One" failed, so it went off the air. Some contestants profited as a result of the program, but no one was forced to watch or listen to the program. All one needed to do was turn the dial. Possibly in the near future someone in Congress will demand an investigation of western TV shows; and will want to know — how come that those fellows who were apparently killed are not dead?

Here's how the average consumer dollar was spent last year, according to the Department of Commerce: Housing 13 per cent; food, beverages and tobacco 29 per cent; clothing 8 per cent; household equipment 6 per cent; automobiles and parts, gas and oil, 9 per cent; transportation 3 per cent; miscellaneous 26 per cent.



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PUBLIC AUCTION

The following personal property will be sold at public auction on the premises located at 902 East Douglas St. in O'Neill, on—

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1959

Sale Starts at 1:00 p.m.

- 1 30" Westinghouse Electric Range, like new
1 Westinghouse Refrigerator
1 Dining Room Table and 4 Chairs
2 Drop leaf kitchen tables
1 Glass top coffee table
1 Library table
1 Drop leaf dining room table
1 Minnesota "A" treadle sewing machine
1 Leather Davenport
2 Platform Rookers
2 Rocking Chairs
1 Overstuffed chair and footstool
2 9x12 Wool Rugs
1 9x12 felt rug pad
2 Steel lawn chairs
3 Beds complete
2 Dressers
2 Steel Utility Cabinets
1 Zenith Radio, table model
1 Gas room heater
1 Wardrobe
1 Steel Wardrobe trunk
Lots of miscellaneous bedding, pillows, dishes, cooking utensils, canned fruit, tables, garden tools and other items too numerous to mention.

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