

Prairie Land Talk

"World Traveler"

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With plenty of money in his pockets, documents that gained him admittance to the government officials in lands afar, he took a seat in an airplane at the Atlantic sea just ahead, flew east over the troubled sea, into Europe, then to Asia, then to Africa, island regions and across the vast Pacific to disembark and head up Market street in San Francisco. He told the story to a large audience of interested listeners here in our Capitol City. And what a story! There in Russia his first prolonged stop in the great city of Moscow, Communistic center of European and Oriental Reds. He told us what we already knew that the Russians boast of knowing no God and float on high their "great ones" who have done so many wonders, but when their attention is called to things beyond the reach of human hands they remain silent. The speaker told us, too, of that which will not best appear in print here. While Communistic Russia turns up its infidel nose at the idea of a Deity, there are still church groups in various communities. Maybe these serve as a sort of balance wheel to steady the whole land. And the speaker, who admitted he was an Irishman, commended highly what is being done by these church groups not only in Russia but the world over, and of American influence as it touches the hearts of the common people in all lands. And walking up Market street in Frisco took off his hat to salute his native country and rejoice over being with us again, then boarded a plane for his home at Washington, D. C.



Romain Saunders

A cold winter night, a warm bed to crawl into. So from the winter of life to the springtime of eternity.

Fruits, cookies and candy — the Holiday dainties all gone. Now our daily bread for another twelve months. The pleasures of life are brief, it's work and worries, problems and toil forever with us. But who would wish it otherwise as along life's highway we travel, speaking a word to cheer a fellow traveler at times as you extend a helping hand. That box of cookies and candies is gone, but the motherly hands that it came from remain, remain to pluck a thorn here and there and give us more of life's cookies. Yes, life has its joy and sorrow, smiles and tears, happiness and heartaches. Pass the cookies!

Word comes from the State House that 152 Nebraska schools get a dip into federal funds set apart to finance education. That is not all the schools in our state and one may wonder if 152 schools are so favored why not all. Does the Berry school down there in Swan precinct or the Pat Kennedy school over to the southwest where we went to vote get in on this federal handout?

Editorial

Know the Facts

Members of the O'Neill Irrigation committee, together with representatives from Atkinson and a small number of interested ranchers met in O'Neill Monday night to hear irrigation men from Ainsworth tell more about the irrigation project proposed for Northern Holt county.

Perhaps the biggest point brought out by these men is the fact that the \$8 million dollar project will only cost the effected farmers and ranchers in this area \$7,000,000 dollars. This is 15 percent of the actual cost of the project.

Why is it that we are so fortunate as to get \$8 million dollars worth of construction and benefit for less than 9 million dollars?

Well, in the first place, O'Neill and Atkinson are located in the Missouri River Basin. This gives us access to the many millions of dollars revenue derived from the sale of electricity and other benefits at such dams as the Randall dam north of here and Gavins Point dam to the east.

These huge government projects are designed not only to control the Missouri river but also to produce a fund for just such reclamation projects as the one proposed here in Holt county.

Secondly, monies received over the years from the sale of government land have been earmarked for reclamation on the theory that dollars received from the sale of such land should go back into the land in the way of land improvement.

These two funds will pay approximately 85 percent of the cost of the project.

A point can be made that we never get anything free. Higher federal taxes will be needed to pay for such projects as the Randall dam and in the end such an irrigation project will cost the U. S. the entire \$8 million dollars.

To a certain point this may be true. However, it is important to remember that the Dam is already built and will cost the taxpayer just as much whether we get irrigation in the area or not. The money earned from such projects will eventually be spent in just such projects as that proposed here. Why should we allow this money to leave the area when we can get it almost for the asking?

Irrigation can benefit everyone in Holt county. Farmers and ranchers in the county who will be directly involved in the project owe it to themselves to learn all they can about the Atkinson-O'Neill project before they pass judgment on the plan.

The O'Neill irrigation committee, which was formed only as an educational committee, will be doing all in its power to see that you are properly informed.

An interesting sidelight on the storms which have gripped the area during the past week is found in our postoffice boxes. No Mail! This has nothing to do with our own postoffice here in O'Neill. It has more to do with the "better" service we were to receive from truck transportation of mail compared to that of train transportation. This Newspaper fought long and hard to "Save the Trains". We lost. Consequently we have lost good mail service.

How can the little furry creature we know as a squirrel crack open the hard shelled walnut and eat the kernel. Here they are at it out in the snow as I look out the window by which my typewriter is parked. And out there stands the tree that gave the little creatures the nuts. Daughter after gathering the nuts set out a bucket full for the squirrels. And there goes one up the tree to its lodging place and I fancy hearing him crack a nut.

Alaska, snow melting and water running. Southern states, snowed under and frost bitten. Prairie land, just as usual. . . . The Capitol City's Sunday closing proposal went the way of Governor Brook's. . . . Listening in on the President's million and billion dollar "State of the Union" speech then drop back to earth and the six bits in your pocket is something of a come down. . . . Three Nebraska railroad groups are in court in an action to have railroad property valuations cut by 36 million dollars.

January 13, 1960, as I write — a calm morning, the sky overcast. January 13, 1888, the calm cold morning after that blizzard, in memory of which 125 members of the Blizzard Club put on their annual get together here in the Capitol City. I was glad to clasp the hands and visit with three former citizens of Holt county, Mr. Ballon of Green Valley and Atkinson, Mr. Harrington of the Niobrara river country and a distant relative of the late M. F. Harrington. Also Mr. Atwood of Beatrice who had been a business man in Chambers leaving there in 1914. Harrington lives in Fremont in retirement, and Ballon is taking it easy here in Lincoln. The Club meeting opened this year by a prayer offered by a Methodist minister in the spacious dining room of the Lincoln hotel where dinner was served and all stood for the opening song, "America". Instrumental and vocal music, and talks by a few about the Native Sons and Daughters organization, Sod House group, political clap trap, Corn Growing, and one lone member of the Club recounting some blizzard experiences and reminding his hearers that we were a Blizzard Club to perpetuate the memory of that terrible day 72 years ago.

At the time I was living with my happy family out where the grass grows tall, where the cows bawl, where the wind whistles over all. I had mounted the pure white gelding and headed out over the prairie to a sod house settler's abode where we got our mail. Met a talkative and friendly gent who held down a claim in that community. How many eggs did you eat this morning, he asked me. None, I said; then it occurred to me it was Easter Sunday. Well, said he, I downed 18 and my wife ate 16. I rode on, to hurry back and have an egg boiled for dinner.

If you know it all and I know only how to fish, then you are the pudding and I am the dish.

The Holt county basketball tournament goes into its final rounds tonight (Thursday) and tomorrow night. Why not come out and watch some very good basketball played by the fine basketball teams which we have here in Holt county.

Let's Have a Happy Sledding Season

With the recent snows and continued cold weather the hills are taking a pounding from eager youngsters and their sleds.

City dads have barricaded streets on two hills — one in the east ward and another in the west ward — to prevent any auto-sled accident from marring the winter sport.

This, of course, is a fine safety measure. But it doesn't cover all the possibilities. It's pretty difficult to explain to youngsters the great danger of by-passing the barricades in an effort to "make" it all the way home, or to convince them that an extra "slam" could cause a fatal accident.

It remains the responsibility of each driver to use extreme caution while driving in town. Snow piled high from graded streets makes it impossible to see youngsters on sleds. icy streets prevent a sudden stop.

Drive your car as if your child was sledding.

Public Thought Column

The Frontier, always looking for ways to serve the community, would like to start a public thought column. We invite the people of the community to write to us, on any subject you might think needs a knock, a rose, or just clarification.

We do insist that all letters be signed. You may request that your name be withheld and we will not print your name. But we must have the names for record.

Letters should be confined to one-half page of typewritten copy or 1 full page of hand written copy.

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Frontiers Ago

30 YEARS AGO

The Osmond public school burned to the ground last Monday morning. The building was of brick and was built a few years ago at a cost of \$1,400. The fire was discovered at 4:00 in the morning and is supposed to be of incendiary origin. . . . Louis Heeb left yesterday for a visit to his old home in Switzerland. Louis says he is going to bring his sister to this country with him when he returns but most people are of the opinion that he will return with some other person's sister as his wife. . . . A deal was consummated last week between David Stannard and C. C. Reka by which Mr. Stannard again becomes the owner of the building formerly occupied by Mr. Reka as a cigar and confectionery store on Fourth street. . . . C. C. Brewer went to Iowa last week on business, returning home on Saturday evening.

25 YEARS AGO

Last Saturday evening about 7 o'clock fire destroyed the slaughter house on the farm of James Moore, one-half mile southeast of town. The fire raged for two hours and two fire trucks responded but firemen found little could be done. . . . Last Friday at the sales pavilion at Page Buy Wanser's second horse and mule sale got under way and by evening of Friday it was certain that 350 head of animals had been sold with a heavy carry over for Saturday. . . . Frank Headley, who made his home in this city during 1931 while he was in the employ of the Standard Oil Co., has been appointed special agent in the United Division of Investigation of the Department of Justice, and is now in Washington. . . . Several friends of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Halva gathered in their home Sunday to help Mrs. Halva celebrate her birthday anniversary.

10 YEARS AGO

Harry Page and his wife, who live on a modest 240-acre farm 3 miles north of O'Neill, took into their home Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Harpe and their two daughters. They came from Berlin, Germany last Friday, January 13, for Springfield, Mass. From there they will fly on January 20 to Pt. Lyautey, French Morocco, North Africa, where they will join her husband, who is in the navy and stationed there. . . . Miss Catherine Newhouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Newhouse of Chambers, has been awarded a \$50 scholarship offered by Mu Phi Epsilon alumna chapter award to a member of the active chapter. . . . The William J. Meusch farm, lying four miles east and 24 miles north of Atkinson, has been named Nebraska state winners in the 1949 farmstead improvement contests, co-sponsored by radio station WNAJ and the Nebraska agricultural extension service. They have been awarded \$1,000 in merchandise.

5 YEARS AGO

Mrs. J. H. Snelson celebrated her 81st birthday anniversary Sunday, Jan. 16, at her home in Atkinson. . . . Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Marcellus drove to Omaha Tuesday to meet their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Billie Marcellus, who was returning from Germany. Mrs. Marcellus had been in Germany with her husband since last spring. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Guy Barnes of Lynch observed their 54th wedding anniversary Saturday, January 15. High winds Friday whipped considerable dust across northwestern skies. The wind subsided at nightfall. . . . Deaths: Gerald A. Huston, 40, former resident of Ewing; Charles Alvin Fauquier, 80, long time resident of Holt county; Mrs. Fred M. Seery, 70, who had resided on a ranch south of Chambers since 1938; Miss Helen Henery, 18, resident of Neligh.

Riverside News

By Mrs. Lionel Gutter

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller and Danny visited Friday evening at the Dave Pollock home. The Alfred Napier family were dinner guests Sunday at the R. A. Hord home. Mrs. Wayne Fry and children visited Tuesday evening, Jan. 12 at the Billy Loquest home. The Alfred Napier family visited last Thursday evening at the George Keller home. The Gary Tessemer family were guests Sunday, Jan. 10 at the Alfred Napier home for ice cream. Mrs. Alfred Napier and children called Saturday afternoon at the Gary Tessemer and George Keller homes. The Oscar Wondercheck family of Atkinson were guests from Thursday afternoon to Saturday of the Grant Mott family. Mr. Wondercheck is a brother of Mrs. Mott. They left Saturday for Arkansas where they plan to make their home. The John Napier family stayed

Thursday and Friday at the Richard Napier home. The Billy Loquest family visited Friday evening at the Merlyn Meyers home. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Miller and family were supper guests Wednesday at the Walter Miller home. Paul Gunter visited January 12 at the Alvin Nelson home near Plainview. Mrs. Keith Biddlecome and Mrs. Althea Peterson took Keith Biddlecome to Norfolk Wednesday morning. Planes were grounded because of fog so Keith went by auto to Omaha then on to his work in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Art Busshardt and family of Neligh visited January 10 afternoon at the Dave Pollock home. The Archie Johnston family visited Wednesday evening at the Will Shradler home. Mr. and Mrs. Ora Switzer and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Miller and family were guests Monday evening at the Wendell Switzer home in honor of Sherry Switzer's birthday. Sheila Fry and Billy Spangler started kindergarten last Monday at the Riverside school with Mrs. Harold Rodgers as their teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Napier, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Napier and the Lorraine Montgomery family were dinner guests Sunday at the Lynn Fry home in honor of Floyd Napier's birthday. Mrs. Dale Napier and Mrs. Wendell Switzer, members of the Seek and Share club, went to Neligh Tuesday for the demonstration on first aid which will be given at town the next meeting next month. The Archie Johnston family visited Mrs. Emily Johnston at the Harry Johnston home Sunday afternoon, Jan. 10. Mrs. Bert Fink visited Mrs. Dave Pollock January 12 afternoon. The Chet Taylor family were dinner guests Sunday, Jan. 10 at the Rudy Ahlers home.

Ewing News

By Mrs. Harold Harris

Ralph Eacker, hay dealer of Ewing, left Wednesday, Jan. 13 with a truck load of hay for Odessa, Ia. He reached Sioux City, Ia. and remained there until Tuesday, Jan. 19. The snow storm which hit Ewing about eleven p.m. Jan. 13 began with a rain shower, turning to snow during the early morning hours of Thursday, continuing throughout the day with strong winds from the northwest reaching western Iowa. Roads were blocked and traffic tied up until Tuesday, Jan. 19, when highways were opened, in some localities to only one-way traffic. Mr. Eacker was a guest at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Gene Ruby and family while in Sioux City. Weekend activities in Ewing were cancelled or postponed. Church attendance was small Sunday. Mail service was interrupted when the mail trucks failed to cover their routes. Many students from the country, who attend the Ewing public school, are staying in town with friends or relatives due to drifted road conditions as a result of the blizzard Thursday. Mrs. Robert Tams had an enforced vacation Monday and Tuesday, when there was no school at Royal where she teaches kindergarten. Mrs. L. M. Carter and Mrs. Elmer Grim, who teach at Orchard, also did not have school Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Max Wanser and family went to Norfolk Sunday to spend the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Walker and family. Tom and Jerry Wanser spent the weekend in Omaha. Miss Annetta Rotherham, who has been a member of the junior class of the Ewing high school, enrolled the second semester at St. Mary's Academy at O'Neill. Myra Rotherham and a classmate of St. Mary's Academy at O'Neill spent the weekend with Myra's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Rotherham. There are good prospects for Ewing to have a cub scouting program this year. At the meeting held Monday evening, January 11th at the Ewing Public Library plans were made for organization of a Cub Scout pack. Charles A. Huff, Field Representative of the Covered Wagon Council of Norfolk was in charge. Boys age eight to ten years or their parents interested in Cub Scouting may contact H. R. Harris of Ewing Neighborhood Commission for further information. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Cram returned home Saturday, Jan. 9 from Grand Island where they had cared for the family of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Magwire while they attended the National Turkey Federation convention held at Minneapolis, Minn. Leonard Hawk U. S. Army left January 4, from Fort Lewis, Wash., for Alaska where he will be stationed at Anchorage. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hawk of Ewing. Gordon Busboom of Lincoln, executive secretary of the Nebraska Co-Operative was the guest speaker at the Co-Op banquet held at the parlors of the First Methodist church Monday evening, Jan. 11. The theme of his address was "Misunderstanding of Farmers." This was followed by questions from individuals in the group in which some interesting views were

expressed as well as discussed. Members were present from the Chambers Farmers and Ranchers Co-Op of Chambers, O'Neill Production Credit Association and Farm Loan Association of O'Neill and the Ewing Co-Operative Creamery. Lyle Dierks, chairman presided at the meeting. Dick Rowd of Chambers was nominated and elected as secretary for the coming year. Other officials will be: Stanley Lambert, chairman and Carol Summerer vice-chairman. The seven o'clock banquet, served by the Women's Society of Christian Service, was followed by a special program of selections by the triple trio of the Ewing high school under the direction of Supt. G. D. Ryan and a vocal solo by Karen Minarik. Grover Shaw Sr., of O'Neill was a caller on Saturday at the home of his grandson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Shaw and family. Mrs. Vera Anson was a Sunday guest at the Gene Zimmerman home. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Gram left Thursday for several weeks visit in Texas, Arizona and California.

Deloit News

By Mrs. H. Reimer

The blizzard Wednesday night and Thursday dumped about 8 inches of snow on top of the snow already on the ground. First about an inch of rain fell making driving hazardous. We have about 12 inches of snow on the ground at present. Mr. and Mrs. Don Larson of O'Neill were supper guests Saturday evening at the Leonard Larson home. Mrs. Henry Reimer and Mrs. Howard Manson were Tuesday overnight guests at the home of Mrs. Sidney Anderson in O'Neill. Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Briggs of Omaha spent about two weeks with Sidney Anderson. Mrs. Fred Stearns called on her sister, Mrs. Will Conner in Ewing Tuesday and Friday. Mrs. Conner had been ill but is improved. A group of friends surprised Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bartak Friday evening. The occasion was the Bartak's wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Born moved from Plainview to Humboldt where Mike has been transferred. A teacher was secured to finish Mrs. Born's second grade term in Plainview. Mr. and Mrs. Selvin Rexin called at the E. L. Sisson home Friday evening. Thursday due to the storm many rural schools were closed at noon.

O'Neill Locals

Mrs. Hattie Kindlund called on Mrs. Zella Cook Sunday evening. Miss Abbie Hanley and Ida O'Connell visited with Mabel Shobe at Page Wednesday, January 13. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Ott of Columbus spent the weekend, January 9-10 in the Henry Kuhfahl home. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Laursen went to Denver, Colo., Friday to attend the livestock show. Patricia Tarr, who stays with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike London while attending school at St. Mary's, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Tarr of Colome, S. D. George Mumm Jr., and Robert Lindberg have been transferred by the Department of Roads to Lincoln. This is a temporary assignment. Mrs. Victor Halva returned home January 7 from Denver, Colo., after spending the Christmas holidays in the home of her daughter, Margaret and son, Fred. She was a Christmas day guest of Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. Elam and daughter, Patricia and son, Paul Jr., a New Year's guest of her son, Fred Halva and family. Mrs. Russell Galbreath of Los Angeles, Calif., is here to visit the next two weeks with her sisters, Mrs. Don McKay and family and Miss Dorothy Bennett.

Some of the roads were opened Saturday. Thanks to these good people for their efforts. This has been a hard winter for them. We've had around 20 inches of snow. Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bartak were guests at the Keith Bartak home Friday evening. The Childers family have moved to the home recently vacated by Mrs. Sidney Anderson. The Childers own the farm just east of this residence. Merle Sebi, teacher at Deloit, spent Wednesday night at the E. L. Sisson home. Mrs. Anita Lee called Sunday at the Fred Harpster home. Mrs. Kenneth Lee and two children left Monday by train from Grand Island to visit her sister and family in Washington for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Larson of Anchorage, Alaska, enroute to Florida, called on his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Larson in Ewing and Mrs. Henry Reimer Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. No school in Inman Thursday and Friday. Mrs. H. Reimer spent the four day weekend at home.

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