

Prairieland Talk

"Passing of A Friend"

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A friend in O'Neill called me by telephone at my home in Lincoln to tell me the sad news of a traffic death, so the following morning I took off for O'Neill by bus to look for the last time upon the lifeless form of a life long friend...



Romaine Saunders

I love the scenes of nature, the song of birds too sweet for words, the color and fragrance of floral bloom and the wide open spaces where you find elbow room; the blue sky above and the clouds that bring us rain and leave us in the mud. So U and I go happy on our way to pluck here and there life's fragrant rose bud.

Cheer up, Old Timer! President Ike has the plans, specifications and arrangements all formulated to provide adequate monthly income of the coin of the realm for all aged citizens. Seventy, eighty, ninety years along life's trail thus to have a happy ending, thanks to Ike.

Tom Brennan, son of the late Col. and Mrs. Neil Brennan, early day pioneers of O'Neill, dropped in on me recently and we had a handshake and a happy few minutes together. Tom and his wife who was the former Miss Shoemaker, have a pleasant home on south 17th street here in Lincoln. He has for some years been connected with the Western Electric here in the Capital City but recently retired. He still has property interests in O'Neill, among these the building where his father had a hardware store.

Holt county has a modern Ella Wheeler Wilcox in the person of Mrs. Eby from whose gifted pen flows poetic beauty each week that touches the heart strings of Frontier readers. May I propose a vote of thanks and a cheering word of praise to our poetic friend. A recent issue of The Frontier gave us Mrs. Eby's tribute to "Just a Boy." And then the words of the poet of long ago come to mind; Blessings on thee, little man, barefoot boy with cheek of tan. The boy of yesterday is the man of today; the boy of today is the man of tomorrow. Give the boy the best you have. And as the Sacred writer directs, Train up a child (boy) in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Editorial

Hruska Speaks Dakota County Star

Sen. Roman Hruska, speaking in South Sioux last week, expressed opposition to the Forand Bill which give elderly citizens hospitalization care. Sen. Hruska said the program is not based on need. He cited an example of a millionaire who could qualify for assistance after 65, if hospitalized. "Who will pay the bill?" he asks. He said social security payments are geared to advance to four and one-half per cent of gross earnings. He said the Forand Bill was based on "Washington Bureaucracy."

Hruska said he is not willing to forget the millions of older citizens not covered by social security. Nor is he willing to put the government into the compulsory health insurance business. Hruska said he recognizes the problem, and the question is how to solve it. He said he believes we must have a plan which will adequately concern itself of all older citizens without putting the government into yet another facet of our private lives.

Sen. Hruska discussed Pres. Eisenhower's vetoes on several farm bills. They were vetoed, he said, because they were all reshapes of the same old systems that everyone admits is outdated, outmoded, too expensive and unworkable.

The failure of Congress to enact good farm legislation can be charged to the Democrats. They control the house, 251 to 150, and the senate, 65 to 33. They've held the edge the past six years. Democrats keep saying they will do something about the farm bill but every year it is the same old thing, Hruska said.

He stated, also, that advocates of Federal Aid to Education would have money transferred from one state to operate schools in another. He said those who want Federal Aid want to have local control in their schools, but the senator stated: "Take a look at any of our Federal grant-in-aid programs, and show me where there is no Federal control."

Instead, he suggested the government might lend money to those districts which cannot obtain low interest rate loans, to permit them to solve their own problems. We believe Sen. Hruska's line of thinking is our only hope of ever balancing a budget or at least levelling off Federal spending. We think the senator is representing Nebraska well in Washington.

Leave No Stone Unturned

Since two senators have quit "Nebraskans for Constitutional Amendments," a group petitioning for a sales-income tax spelled out in the constitution (Sen. Hans Jensen, Aurora and former Sen. Glenn Cramer, Alliance) the public in general is now pretty much of the opinion that the move was a poor one at best. Although John B. Quinn, Lincoln Public Relations Counsellor and attorney John Mason, among others are still going ahead with their original plan, it seems doomed to failure, even if the required amount of names become attached to the circulating petitions.

It would be difficult to recall just how many times the sales tax movement has been proposed in the State of Nebraska, but it now appears that there

It was a night in July, 1906. The Bowen livestock barn near the Short Line on Fremont street was burned, and the Bazelman lumber yard sustained heavy loss by the fire. Mrs. C. E. Howe was visiting a son in Wisconsin. Ed Alberts was home from Grand Island after some weeks down there serving on the G. I. baseball team. Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Cole were visiting in the home of their daughter down at Amelia. Ed F. Gallagher, who seldom went places, was spending a day or two in Omaha. Rev. N. S. Lowrie was attending a gathering of his fellow ministers in Niobrara. Mrs. Romaine Saunders and family were enjoying a visit from her Aunt Lucie from Los Angeles, Calif. Mrs. A. Boyd and daughter, Helen, were visiting her people in Illinois. Mrs. S. J. Weeks was home from a trip to Omaha. M. Dowling was president of the O'Neill National Bank and Jas. F. O'Donnell the cashier.

Letters have been received from Mrs. George Martin down at Wichita Falls, Tex., who has written me to manifest her interest in what she reads in Prairieland Talk and to ascertain where she can get the book "Nellie's Prairie," the life story of a girl of the prairies of Holt county. Also to get a copy of Will H. Spindler's thrilling story of romance and adventure near her girlhood home out in the Joy community, "Rim of the Sandhills." Mrs. Martin is of the Ott family that lived near Joy and she has a brother, L. A. Ott, today in O'Neill. Her husband is of the Martin family of the Joy community of Holt county. Thirty years now in Texas, but Mrs. Martin cherishes memories of life in Holt and Boyd counties, she having been born near the town of Butte. The family later taking to ranch life in Holt county.

Mother's Day. The one who give us life may not have lived to see another Mother's Day, but while time lasts, as long as the sun will glow in golden glory and stars shine at night the memory of mother is precious.

Snow and ice and frost adorned window panes gone and forgotten. The landscape robed in green and flowers blooming to add a touch of blue and red beauty to the summer scene. Along the highway of time there comes here and there that which chills these human hearts of ours, but a friendly hand reaches out and words of cheer check the flow of sorrowing tears.

Its done again. You have your choice now of candidates and proposals and six months to figure out how to mark your ballot the real election day. The stirring times, the scrapes and the fun we once had in conventions selecting the candidates now no more. And the November election will settle it again for the present.

Some thirty years ago parties drilled for oil near the city of Lincoln and found what they did about that time near the Niobrara river in Holt county—nothing. It will be undertaken again down near the Capital City of this Cow State.

will never be a year go by, but what someone will have the idea that it will be approved by the electorate of this state, for one reason or another.

This latest movement calls for a sales and income tax to "broaden the tax base" and supposedly shift more of the burden of government to those who do not own real estate. At the same time it was geared to end the intangible tax on such things as stocks, bonds, banks deposits, etc., and for all practical purposes end the personal tax on household goods.

What most sales tax proponents usually like to point out is that the man who lives in rented property and owns no real estate just pays no taxes at all. This, naturally, is not true. The person owning rental property pays real estate taxes and passes them on to his tenants in the rent charges. The tenant also pays taxes on his intangibles and on any securities he may own and personal taxes on his household goods. Under the proposed petition, this man would be relieved of those taxes.

To top it off, if the proposal was somehow eventually approved in Nebraska, it would bring in additional tax money of about \$18 million. Not only would the new tax take care of the present needs but would bring in a surplus. This is more than one thing, to most people, and that is more taxes in a day and age when fewer taxes are wanted.

Those of you who want to call a halt to the ever-increasing tax burdens will have to take the initiative into your own hands and disapprove every new proposal that comes along. This past week the following proposals made news headlines in Nebraska and each of them would call for an increase in taxation if they are adopted: A survey of the entire state for the purposes of ending flooding; President Eisenhower's Aged Insurance Plan; Sales and income. It appears that unless tax-minded people keep their eyes and ears open constantly they most certainly will be caught in the upsurge of government spending, and that spending effects your pocketbook. Next week, who will come forth with the next proposition. . . how many propositions will come to the fore in an attempt to extract more of your money for tax spending.

Since it appears obvious that the propositions will never end, each and every individual must take it upon himself to do what he can to halt them by whatever means he can think of. Leave no stone unturned, or you will be the loser.

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Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

A man who saw the plans for the new Northwestern depot says that if the plans as drafted are accepted by the officials of the road in Chicago, O'Neill will have one of the nicest passenger depots in the state. The plans were sent to Chicago last week and if the plans are approved they will be able to commence work upon the new station by June 1st. Dean Selah, who has been on the road with a theatrical company the past three years, returned home Sunday afternoon from Boston, Mass., where the company closed the season a week ago last Saturday. He will spend his vacation at home and will probably put on a play here with the assistance of local talent. More O'Neill people will probably see the comet during the next couple of weeks than have seen it during the past two. It is easier to look at the comet about sundown than to get up at three o'clock in the morning to look for it.

25 YEARS AGO

A woman held up artist tried to gain entrance into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Egger last Tuesday evening about 9:30. Mr. Egger was not at home and when a knock came at the door about 9:30, Mrs. Egger opened the door to find a man standing there with a gun in his hand and who promptly informed her that it was a "stick up." She grabbed the gun, forcing it down and away from her and managed to get the door closed. She then called the police and Chief Calkins was on the ground in about five minutes but the would-be robber had made good his escape. Mrs. Elizabeth McMillan, one of the pioneer residents of this county, will celebrate her 82nd birthday tomorrow, Friday, May 24. Guy Cole was down from Emmet Wednesday. Guy says that the residents of Emmet are living on fish these days. The Elkhorn at Emmet is out of its banks and has flooded McGinnis lake, permitting the fish therein to get out on the meadows.

10 YEARS AGO

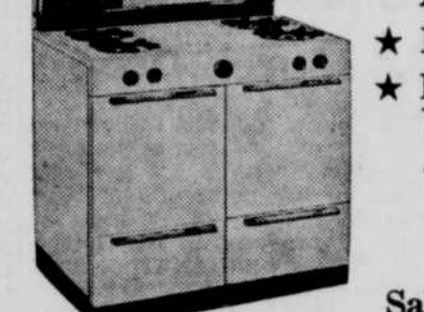
Rev. and Mrs. William R. ("Beech") Lamb on Monday, May 22, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They will hold open house between 2 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon. . . . Neighbors gathered at the Harry S. White home on Friday evening, May 12, to help him celebrate his 80th birthday anniversary. Mr. White is well-known southwest Holt county resident. . . . A farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Plen Nickel and sons was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parks Thursday evening, May 11. Thirty-nine were present. Last spring Mr. Nickel decided to go to Idaho, where a change of work appealed to him. He went there in March. Mrs. Nickel and sons remained here where the boys could finish the school year. . . . Deaths. John Milnar, 64, retired Holt county rancher; Hubert L. Smith, 62, prominent truck operator; Harold Hunt, 29, native of O'Neill; Pat Boyle, sr., 84, native of Ireland lived on a Holt ranch for many years.

5 YEARS AGO

At a special meeting of the city council Tuesday afternoon, called by Mayor Alva Marcellus, the council voted to seek bids on a new municipal water well to alleviate a serious supply situation. . . . Work on the new 4-H building at the county fair grounds has progressed the past week. From 12 to 15 volunteer workers have been on hand every day to assist with the



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building operation. . . Owen Parks, Burlington section foreman of Page, celebrated his 53rd birthday anniversary by helping run down a nest of four little foxes. Rail workmen spotted the foxes as they were going down the track on the motor car about a mile west of Page. They gave chase. Charlie Bellin of O'Neill and Bill O'Brien assisted in digging the pups out of their lair. . . . Deaths: Jesse Wilkinson, 87, retired Holt county farmer; Mrs. Ad. Fleener, 87, longtime resident of Holt county; Walter Richard, 76 longtime resident of Chambers.

The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO

W. S. Graves of York, was in Chambers last week and while here purchased the old Barney place. . . . Miss Meredith closed a successful term of school in the Glead district, last Friday and returned to her home in O'Neill Sunday. . . . The carpenters are at work on H. F. Dyke's new jewelry store. . . . Od Jarman passed through town yesterday with 86 head of cattle, which he bought at the Cavanaugh Ranch. The Chambers school closed Friday with a picnic at the schoolhouse. The Misses Lovett and Porter were well liked by their pupils. . . . We have recently put a number of new post cards on sale at Lee Baker's Drug Store. Some of the titles are as follows: 1. Play Hour. 2. Noon Hour. 3. General Store of F. M. Boyce. 4. Surveying and grading on the streets of Chambers. 5. "Danger" showing Dr. Colman's geese.

25 YEARS AGO

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Coventry, a son, on Sunday, May 19. The little lad will be known as Ronald Kenneth. . . . The Chambers high school commencement for 1935 was held in the town hall Thursday evening, May 16 at 8:00 p.m. The professional played by Miss Lois Kellar was led by Miss Charlotte Crandall, a junior. After the Invocation was Rev. Mr. Nye, the Salutatory by Frances Alderson and Valedictory by Ronald Whitaker were interspersed with music by the Glee club, and vocal solo by Kenneth Nye. . . . Mrs. Bertha Anderson and two daughters, Phyllis and Janice, will leave with her son, Philip in the near future for Marshfield, Ore., where Philip has a promised job in the lumber camp. Mrs. Anderson and daughters plan on spending the summer with him in the west, but will return in time for Janice to enter school again this fall.

Smoke from "Brandin' Iron" Crick

By J. C. Fudd

Dandelions and wild roses are in bloom along the old Brandin' Iron but everyone is busier than an ant on a jelly roll and can't take time out to enjoy them. Between fixing fence, working calves and getting cattle to pasture, folks are so occupied they don't hardly know which end is up.

Old Man Chim has the hilliest pastures on the north part of the Brandin' Iron. Lately he's been having trouble with his jeep. (Claims some communist put sand in the gas tank.) and consequently has been having a heck of a time riding fences, cutting cattle, etc. Anyhow, he says if he can get the

government to match funds with him, he'll buy one of them helly-copters and do all the trouble shooting along the Crick at so much per section. The old cot would try it too if he could get the big guns interested. . . . Mrs. Willie Kell had a wisdom tooth pulled last Tuesday. Been giving her fits ever since she bit down on a bone at the barbecue. She cried out the rough dentist at the county seat. "Rough but reasonable," was the verdict. . . . Delano Bundy just got home from doing his stretch in the armed services, Friday. Says he joined up with Uncle to see the world. All the world he saw looked an awful lot like Fort Leonard Wood, he said. That's as far as he got. . . . Came awful close to having a bull fight at the Corners store Thursday evening. Most of the guys was in for telephone meeting. Abe Gory got to blowing off about the big Hereford bull he raised that took all the ribbons at the county fair. Well, just as the bull was getting bigger and bigger the Hinch Bros. came in. Little Joe had just been over in Dakota and brought a new Angus. Business picked up right away. Everything Abe's bull was. Little Joe's was better. Pretty soon they had them built so built up that Paul Bunyan's blue ox Babe would have had to stood on his hind legs to look 'em in the eye. Finally, things reached the place where they was both panting like lizards and getting pretty red behind the ears when Otty Camber saved the day. "Simmer down, boys!" He says. "That all sounds like a lotta bull to me."

Miss Savus reports next Wednesday evening will be the end of the school term and they will present the opera and box social. See you next week.

Homemakers Corner . . .

Industry, economy, honesty and kindness form a quartette of virtues that will never be improved upon. - James Oliver Do you cheat yourself by not eating an adequate breakfast? The first meal of the day should furnish one-fourth to one-third of the day's food needs. Neither child nor adult is able to do his best at work and play-irritability and nervousness often result. . . . A good breakfast should be built around a good protein. Eggs are an answer as they can be fixed in many ways, such as an orange-egg or egg-and-sausage. The Poultry and Egg National Board of Chicago, Illinois. . . . To make ORANGEGLASS beat with rotary beater or mix in blender several seconds or until well blended 1 egg and 8 ounces (1 cup) fresh orange juice. If desired, sweeten. Serve chilled. Makes 1 serving. . . . To make EGGNOG: beat with rotary beater or mix in blender several seconds until well blended 1 egg or 2 yolks, 1/2 to 1 tablespoon sugar, few grains salt, 1 cup milk, 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract, optional. If desired, sweeten. Serve chilled. Makes 1 serving. . . . If you are planning to raise green beans to freeze, three varieties which have proven suitable are Stringless Green Pod, Top Crop or Tendergreen.

Emmet News

By Mrs. Kloppenberg

Mrs. Bessie Burge, June and Harold called on the Glen Burge home at Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Burge and Esther Marie of Amelia were also afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Burge. . . . On Sunday, May 1st Mr. and Mrs. Duane Miller and sons had as guests Mr. and Mrs. Mike Smith of Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith and family of Rapid City, S. D., and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith and family of Ogden, Utah. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kloppenberg, Mrs. Ruby Wayman and Mrs. Agnes Gaffney were Mother's Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wayman and girls. . . . Friday afternoon coffee guests of Mrs. Gilbert Fox were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Miller and Mrs. Robert Tomlinson. . . . Fred Hamilton of Kenwick, Wash., called at the Dean Perry home on Monday afternoon. Mr. Hamilton is Mrs. Perry's uncle. . . . Mrs. Ed Winkler and Mary Alice visited Mrs. Tony O'Donnell of O'Neill on Thursday. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Francis Klinebode and sons of Omaha were Friday

Breakfast food cereals are being used in cookies, meat loaves, bread, muffins of main dishes. When making a meat loaf, you may have various cereals on hand but you may will wonder how much liquid should be added for a specific cereal. Here is a table that will aid you in this decision when your meat loaf contains 1 1/2 pounds of ground meat. CEREALS LIQUIDS 2 cups whole wheat flakes; 1 1/8 cups cups corn flakes, slightly crushed after measuring; 1 1/8 cups 1 cup rolled oats, uncooked; 1 cup 1/2 cup farina, uncooked, plain or malt flavored; 1 3/4 cups 1/2 cup whole wheat cereal, uncooked; 1 3/4 cups

The State Agricultural College of South Dakota recommends that gladiolus bulbs be planted from April 15th to July 15th. Planting them every 15 days will guarantee continuous blooms all summer. Gladiolus bulbs should be planted from three to six inches deep depending on size. Large bulbs should be planted deeper than small ones. Keep the bulbs well watered and they will provide an abundance of color all summer and fall. Dahlias should be planted from May 15th to June 15th. The root segments of dahlias may be planted four to six inches deep. . . . Be sure the tuber is placed horizontally in the hole when planting dahlias. The "eye or bud" should be directed upward. At planting time the tubers should be covered with about two inches of soil. As growth proceeds, fill the hole until the soil is level with the garden plot. . . . The plants should be well watered. A good soil soaking once a week is usually sufficient. You'll get larger blossoms if some of the side shoots and flower buds are removed from the plants. . . . You may address your letters to Mrs. Sarah Michaels - Box 155 - Inman, Nebr.

overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Klinebode. On Saturday they went on to visit her relatives at Niobrara. Jackie Cole was a Tuesday overnight and Wednesday guest at his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Humpal in Atkinson. Mrs. Jess Willis, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kloppenberg were Friday evening ice cream and coffee guests of Mr. and Mrs. Al Kloppenberg and family. The occasion was Mr. Kloppenberg's birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis and sons and Mr. Dennis' mother of O'Neill were Thursday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McMillan. . . . Jim Keim of Chadron, was a Friday overnight guest at the Dean Perry home. . . . Mother's Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Winkler and Mary Alice were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winkler. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Klinebode and Regina, formerly of Wayne and Regina, Nebr., spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Klinebode. On Tuesday the South Side Club met with Mrs. Joe Winkler. . . . Mrs. June Burge and June were late afternoon callers of Mrs. Dave Loy on Tuesday, May 3. They then attended the mother and daughter banquet. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wayman and daughters were Sunday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Kloppenberg and family. . . . Mrs. Fritz Belzer and family were Wednesday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fox. Afternoon coffee guests were Mrs. Charles Fox, sr. and Carol, Mrs. Chuck Fox and family and Mrs. George Bosn and family. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bill Klinebode went to Verdel on Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Johnson and family for Mother's Day. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ed Winkler and Mary Alice visited Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krugman and sons, Daryl and Terry and Mrs. Jane Judge of O'Neill on Sunday. . . . The Emmet and Atkinson Little League baseball teams played their first scheduled game at Atkinson on Monday evening. Emmet lost by a close three to two game. . . . Jimmy Menkens returned home on Thursday from Council Bluffs, Ia. The fore part of the week he flew to the Ozarks and spent a few days vacationing and visiting friends. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Fox and family and Mrs. Max Grenier were Sunday dinner and afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tomlinson and Velton. . . . Mrs. Ed Winkler and Mary Alice visited Mrs. Josephine Bruder of Atkinson Friday afternoon. . . . Friday and Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cole and family were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lallatin of Newcastle, Wyo. Mr. and Mrs. Lallatin were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Art Humpal of Atkinson. . . . Friday evening the local 4-H club met at the home of Barbara Fox. . . . Jimmy Menkens went to Lincoln on Monday to visit his sisters, Mrs. Leo Tyrrrell and Miss Connie Menkens. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strong and Mr. and Mrs. Jay McConnell and family were Sunday evening visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fox and family. . . . Sunday afternoon visitors at the Wayne Fox home were Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Fox and family.

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