Prairieland Talk

"Still a Best Seller"

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In that ancient and revered volumn, which starts the story of life on earth by saying, "In the beginn- than \$3,000,000 worth of church properties in the ing God created," the word "and" appears 46,219 United States and Canada was destroyed by fire. times according to a writer who has devoted a life

time to preaching and teaching the Scriptures. The Bible first appeared in print in the year 1450, today outsells all other books.

In the community where Prairieland Talker spent the day the one hundred and eighty fourth anniversary of our country was noiseless with no excitement, stores, offices and business places closed, no mail delivered; citizens lollying around home, gone to the parks



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or over to that Platte or Missouri rivers fishing. The spirit of a bygone generation that saluted the dawn of July 4 with "100 guns at sunrise" died with Charley Hall, George Meret, Neil Brennan and the silver tongued Orator Towel. Ball games, horse and foot races, catching the greased pig, tug-of-war, these introduced by a parade of gents and ladies on horses along the street in O'Neill. The U.S. today is the greatest country on earth, born 184 years ago and inherited from the patriots who fought and died on

. . . Another boring digging for a stream of oil down below in the vicinity of our Capital City ends up oiless. Eastern Nebraska is corn country, northern Nebraska cow country and wheat fields to the southwest.

. . .

County Fairs. What-no Fourth of July celebration!

A patriot away back there in distant Boston that prairieland citizens neither knew nor cared anything about goes to jail for three months and is given a double deck double column headline writeup in our Capital City evening paper, while a citizen up the street from where my typewriter is parked got not even a one line mention that he went to a city in another state to spend the Fourth with his aged mother. Sons who think of mother and father are of more consequence to society than any millionaire sentenced to jail for contempt of court.

A hundred years ago pony express riders crossed the open prairies of Nebraska from Missouri to Fort Larimie, then came the railroad trains and now rubber-tired cars, trucks and busses travel the paved highways. Much of the State Historical Society's latest edition of Nebraska History is devoted to the story of the Pony Express.

It is reported that within the past year more Another bit of church news comes from the great Methodist body of believers-their clergymen, elders and deacons neither smoke or drink liquor.

city that sets upon seven hills!

Property owners, cheer up. The news comes from the State House that while the taxable value of your property may be brought to a level of your own valuations of your deeded holdings the levy will be

Yes, men and women live longer on the prairies of Nebraska than they do elsewhere in our country. John Benda died the first week in July over in Niobrara at the age of 106. He came as a child with his parents to northeast Nebraska from a country in Europe . . . Patriots from both Bassett and Valentine the bloody field of Bunker's Hill. Rodeos, Hay Days, came to Lincoln to appear before the game and fish commission members in the interest of their home communities. Bassett has a game warden office and wants to keep it. Valentine wants it. Ah! In the days of the prairie chickens if any guy was suspected of being a warden George Meret and Doc Mathews would have taken him to the Elkhorn for a ducking.

> A small group of fanatics holed up in a western state having imagined a "divine prophesy" came to them that Russians would blow the U.S. off the map the night of July 9, they in their "shelters" to be the only survivors. The morning of July 10 found us unharmed by the Mucovites and our holed up friends could come to the top and join us again . . . The English foot sore and leg weary woman who traveled our country on foot from coast to coast concludes that we have a great country and is in love with it. Come back and be one of us . . . "Ike" for Eisenhower, our honored president. "Rocky" for Rockefeller, governor of a great state. Yes, its a great country where the greatest among us can respond to nick names and smile . . . The roses now in bloom will fade all too soon; mid-summer silken green now

Editorial

Election Year Politics

The government employees pay raise issue is a glaring example of how election-year politics causes a majority of Congress to completely ignore basic economic considerations.

A year ago Congress appropriated \$500,000 for a study by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the relationship between the renumeration of the government employees and of industry employees.

This study, to be completed in September, was to be the basis of presidential action to readjust government salaries so as to make them comparable with salaries paid by industry. The contention has been made that, on this basis, some government salaries are too low and others too high.

But this is an election year-and a majority of congress could not wait for the results of the study they had authorized and for which they had voted \$500,000.

Instead, Congress precipitately voted a 71/2 percent pay increase for 1,700,000 federal workers-at a cost of \$697 million annually.

And the Holt county rancher will dig deeper in his pocket again this year to pay his taxes while both political parties will be drawing up platorms designed "in the best interest of the People."

A close look at the platforms coming from the political conventions this month will show how the party leaders interpret the word "people." If they make large promises of more federal duties, powers and programs, watch out. There's more to come.

Frittering Away Your Money

The House of Representatives voted the National Science Foundation the sum of \$160 million for this fiscal year. Shortly thereafter, the Foundation made a grant of \$50,000 to a university for the study of bird sounds.

That brought an acid and apt comment from Representative Gross of Iowa: "It is too much to hope that the day will come when some foundation, richly endowed by Congress, will make a study and record for posterity the anguished sounds of taxpayers when they read how their money is being frittered away.

Enjoy Simple Pleasures

A letter not long ago complained that with the high taxes and the soaring costs of living, any idea of a vacation trip for a family was out of all con-

The writer was probably right and it is commendable for a man to want his family to share in these pleasures.

However, we'd like to suggest that there are some simple pleasures that are inexpensive enough to be enjoyed by all. Simple outings within a few miles from home, little family picnics and parties or here in O'Neill an hour or two at our park and swimming pool.

We drove out there last Sunday and seldom have we seen a crowd of happier children. Any number of parents were grouped around tables enjoying picnic dinners and the neighborly exchange of ideas that serves to cement friendships.

It is doubtful that any child has a capacity for more pleasure than they enjoyed at our park.

If you can't enjoy the big vacation, try taking the children to the park some day soon-we promise you'll find enjoyment there.

What is this over in old Rome where centuries ago the legions of Julius Ceasar caused the walls around the ancient city to tremble at their treas and the troubled Tiber to flow in haste between its banks. Thousands up in arms in old Rome, the deciples of the Muscovites to the north out to make modern Rome a communistic capital. Ghosts of the Ceasars, of Brutus and Casius-come again and rule in the

A thought for today: "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man comes."

He Looks Ahead Nebraska Signal

robes the lovely prairieland scene.

With the country in the midst of major political party conventions it takes a pretty shocking piece of news to attract the attention of most of us. Something like the trouble in Cuba or warlike statements by Premier Khrushchev of Russia catch our attention for a few minutes but other less astonishing incidents may be missed, even though they affect our ultimate well being more than some of the headline stories we

An example of the latter incidents is a speech made recently by Congressman John Byrnes of Wisconsin, who spoke on our Social Security system and some of the problems connected with the future of the program. We think some of his comments deserve further consideration, even during this busy week of TV watching.

For instance, the Congressman said "I do not like to cast doubts upon the future of Social Security. But when I see hundreds of bills introduced in every Congress-when I note that some of the proposals presented to expand the program go so far that even the authors of the bills admit an unconscionable tax would be required, I am worried. I think we are in real danger when we see the rush to liberalize this program without proper recognition of the burdens that would be imposed.'

Of course, most of us realize we are in for heavier taxes in this field. Still, if we are tempted to rationalize this fact by telling ourselves that it is worth the cost, we would do well to remember another statement made in the Congressman's speech.

The sobering statement was as follows: "Every American must recognize that Social Security is designed to provide a minimum basic protection-not total security-against the hazards it covers. Social Security is not a complete substitute for other common sense precautions, including individual forsight and responsibility. It can never be a substitute-except at prohibitive costs through exorbitant and selfdestroying tax burdens."

If a middle-aged man could only sell his experience for what it cost him he could retire in lux-



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Frontiers | Smoke from "Brandin' Iron" Crick

Crick this week. All the citizens

are fixin' to start haying as soon

as the weather lets up a spell.

You might say they're just itch-

That isn't the only place they're

got the chiggers! Folks

itching. Every mother's son(and

most of the daughters) of them

would like to hang Old Man Chinn.

He's to blame for all that stand-

ing around in the long grass at

the school house the Fourth of

July whilst he got on with his

orating. Just give red bugs the

chance of a lifetime. They sure

seized the advantage. What burns

every body up is, the old goat

stood on a barrel whilst he was

doing so he got off without a

chigger bites than a goose has

pimples. A large bunch of folks

believe in the salty grease treat-

ment. (the stronger, the better)

A few were even chicken enough

to use drug store stuff. The ma-

jority have got old tried and true

family recipes or have made up

Otty Camber swears by salt and

vinegar. Claims it not only kills

them but preserves them whole

to warn off any other free load-

Rev. Peebles says he was doing

fine with table mustard until the

fumes got his sinus riled up. That

leaves him a mile up the crick

without a paddle (as you might

say) with two ailments to fiddle

Willie Kells by pure accident,

stumbled onto using laundry

bleach. Mrs. Willie got hold of

it in the dark, (Power was off

during the storm Wednesday

night) thought it was alcohol and

rubbed some on before she took

time to smell-they was itching

her something fierce - and durned

if they didn't let loose right away.

sleeping on the roll away since

Lena has been down in the back,

has quite a smelly little nest

there. Tried every remedy that

came along with no results so

finally went back to the one Pa

Clovis always used. Vinegar, black

pepper and powdered alum plus

don't burn 'em out it'll suffocate

say. It ought to work on insects.

Yours Truly is about ready to

tablespoon of kerosene. "If it

Grandpa always used to

Yours Truly, who has been

ers that might have ideas.

with instead of one.

There's more remedies for

ing to get started.

single scratch.

some of their own.

50 YEARS AGO Rev. Dr. Father Bernard Harrington of Swanzy, Wales, arrived in the city last Saturday for a weeks visit at the home of his cousin, T. D. Harrington, northeast of this city. Father Harrington has been touring the United States the past year and is now on his return to his home in Wales . . . Ed F. Gallagher is now the possessor of a new Marmon auto and it is one of the swiftest cars in town . . . Romaine Saunders was up from his Wheeler county ranch this morning and made some calls . . . At the request of numerous friends the editor of The Frontier has filed for the Republican nomination for representative from this district.

25 YEARS AGO

Reconstruction of the dike and repair of the power dam on the Niobrara river north of this city is underway . . . Roy M. Sauers suffered the dislocation of his left shoulder bones at the donkey ball game Wednesday evening at the fair grounds . . . Fred Lowery sold his bus line the first of the week to Z. Jefferies, formerly of Chambers . . . D. C. Schaffer of Emmet, has returned from Broken Bow where he attended a group meeting of the Production Credit association boards Deaths: John Enright, oldest citizen of O'Neill and Michael

10 YEARS AGO

Ground has been broken for St. Anthony's hospital. Soon there will rise in the north-side residential section a 40-bed, 420 thousand dollar medical center that will become the city's biggest asset O'Neill's nifty new outfalllift sewage system went on the blink Tuesday evening. Good reason. A pair of ladies' panties, a beer can and a dish rag collaborated in locking 2 of the 3 mechanical pumps at the lift station . . . O'Neill progress celebration, second annual festival sponsored by Simonson post 93 of the American Legion, has been recorded as a big success.

5 YEARS AGO

Holt county's 1955 small grain harvest is progressing rapidly. Conditions have been good for harvest although most farmers and ranchers would welcome moisture at the expense of delaying the finish in the harvest field

George Wettlaufer was elected county commander of the Holt county American Legion at their convention Thursday evening, July 14 at Page . . . Ronald Borg, petroleum dealer here and member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, was acclaimed winner of the whisker contest which ended Saturday night.

The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO F. D. Smith and family and C. M. Smith and son, Hubert, visited at J. D. Grimes Sunday . . . Nella Fluckey went to Omaha Tuesday to visit her brother, Roy Fluckey next few years.

Races at O'Neill August 10-11-12. Every day the big day as we have arranged the classes and purses so evenly there can be no difference. We not only expect to have as good races as last year but beyond any question they will be better and larger, as we are receiving entries at this early date from some of the fast E. E. Perrin and wife

visited at Link Sageser's Friday. 25 YEARS AGO

The town hall is being equipped for talkie movies and the management expect to have the first show this week, Saturday night W. D. Reninger, propreitor of the Chambers electric light plant, has stated the erection of an addition to the building of 18 feet. for the purpose of making room for installing of another 25-horse power gas engine . . . The having season is on in full blast in our wonderful Chambers valley. Some of the hay measures two and three feet tall . . . Miss Dorothy Grimes has been engaged to teach the Schipmann school the ensueing

DR. D. E. DAVID OPTOMETRIST

Complete Visual Care Contact Lenses By Appointment Phone 2101 Spencer, Nebraska Speaking of vicious circles, we're informed by the Nebraska Petroleum council that the swing to smaller cars may cause Ne braska's gasoline tax revenue to fall far short of estimates in the

Gasoline taxes have increased about 50 percent during the last 10 years. So it appears that if you want to save money on gasoline you will have to buy an economy-economy size car.

Our suggestion is that the auto manufactures take a tip from the soap companies. In a recent trip to the grocery store for friend wife we found that the "giant family size box" is actually the smallest size available, and if you want enough soap to do more than one washing it is necessary to purchase the "big, giant, huge size," which is still somewhat smaller than the amount we had

We can forsee the automobile ads of the future in which the public will be offered an "economy car," "a small economy car" 'a tiny, small economy car," and a "tiny, small, economy, economy

Which only adds up to the fact that by the time we get our 6 ft. 4 inch frame into one of these economy zip-mobiles we have come to the conclusion he would be better off riding a motor

-BJR-

We have also heard that an archaeologist just back from Pompeii reports that he has dug up an old penitentiary in which he found a lot of petrified prisoners.

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dence we have of hardened criminals.

-BJR-

The services provided by your wife would come pretty high on the open market. The Family Service Society of Yonkers, N.Y., has determined that if you have two children and had to do without your spouse that the yearly wages paid to the necessary nurse, housekeeper and baby-sit-

ters would come to \$5,800. A big city newspaper reporter stopped at the office of a little rural weekly. Over coffee, he

asked the editor: How do you maintain a circulation in a town where ev-erybody knows everything that everybody else is doing anyway? The country editor grinned.

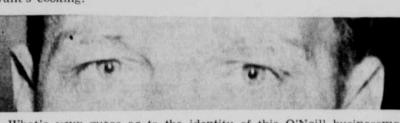
"They read the paper," he re-"To see who got caught

Do You Know Your Neighbor?

"Know Your Neighbor" is not a contest. There are no prizes given Everyone's busier than a one for correctly identifying the person pictured. The only reward is the armed paper hanger along the satisfaction of knowing your neighbor.



If you've ever eaten at the K and M Cafe you've eaten Mildred Wyant's cooking.



What's your guess as to the identity of this O'Neill businessman?

Homemakers Corner . . .

By Catherine Indra Home Extension Agent

Are you an average familyhas your family had its three pints of ice cream this week? That's what the average family uses says the Department of Agriculture.

Youngsters and the above mentioned ice cream sometimes causes problems for mothers. Spilling ice cream leaves stains To remove these stains mom needs to know the kind of ice cream spilled.

Ice cream contains milk or cream, sugar, sometimes egg, often coloring or fruits of different sorts. These different ingredients need to be considered in treating the stain.

Ice cream, like any other stain,

comes out most easily if treated while it is fresh and moist. First aid for a stain on a washable fabric starts with sponging in cool water. The water helps remove sugar, egg, milk and some colors. To remove greasy traces, a cleaning fluid that dissolves grease may be helpful, but usually is not necessary on a washable fabric. After sponging with clear water, vanilla or chocolate ice cream stains usually can be washed out with lukewarm suds. If traces still remain, apply powdered

pepsin to the dampened stain Let stand half an hour, then brush and rinse off thoroughly. Fruit ice cream stains may need the same treatment as fruit stains. Some fruit stains come out when boiling water is poured on them; others-like peach or cherry contain considerable tannin-may be set by heat. For the later, try sponging with lukewarm water first, then rub in a few drops of glycerin or soapless

shampoo. Let stand for a few hours and rinse out. If, after these careful treatments, there are still traces of the stain, try a mild safe bleach, such as sodium perborate. (Do not use chlorine bleach, particularly on a wrinkle-resistant cotton which may contain a resin finish.) Shake the powdered sodium perborate on the dampened stain, let stand several hours, then brush and rinse off.

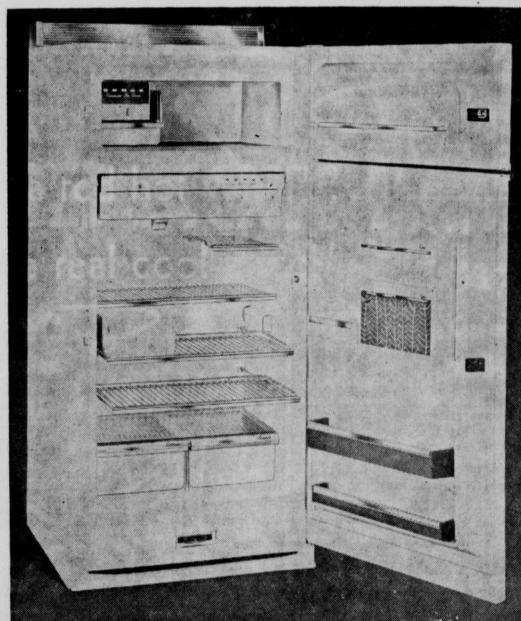
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