

Prairieland Talk

"Still a Best Seller"

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In that ancient and revered volume, which starts the story of life on earth by saying, "In the beginning God created," the word "and" appears 46,219 times according to a writer who has devoted a life time to preaching and teaching the Scriptures.



Romaine Saunders

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 lolling around home, gone to the parks or over to that Platte or Missouri rivers fishing.

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

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 written 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.

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.

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 remuneration 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.

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 7 1/2 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 platforms 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 consideration.

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.

Frontiers Ago

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, north-east of this city.

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. Sauer's suffered the dislocation of his left shoulder bones at the donkey ball game Wednesday evening at the fair grounds.

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.

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.

Smoke from "Brandin' Iron" Crick

By J. C. Fudd

Everyone's busier than a one armed paper hanger along the Crick this week. All the citizens are fixin' to start haying as soon as the weather lets up a spell.

That ain't the only place they're itching. Every mother's son (and most of the daughters) of them have got the chiggers! Folks would like to hang Old Man Chinn. He's to blame for all that standing around in the long grass at July whist he got on with his crating. Just give red bugs the chance of a lifetime.

There's more remedies for chigger bites than a goose has pimples. A large bunch of folks believe in the salty grease treatment. (The stronger, the better) A few were even chicken enough to use drug store stuff.

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 with instead of one.

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.

Yours Truly, who has been 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 a tablespoon of kerosene.

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.

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 ones.

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, proprietor 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.

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"The EDITOR"

Speaking of vicious circles, we're informed by the Nebraska Petroleum Council that the swing to smaller cars may cause Nebraska's gasoline tax revenue to fall far short of estimates in the next few years.

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-size car.

Our suggestion is that the auto manufacturers 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 in mind.

We can foresee 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 car."

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 scooter.

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.

Could this be the first evi-

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:

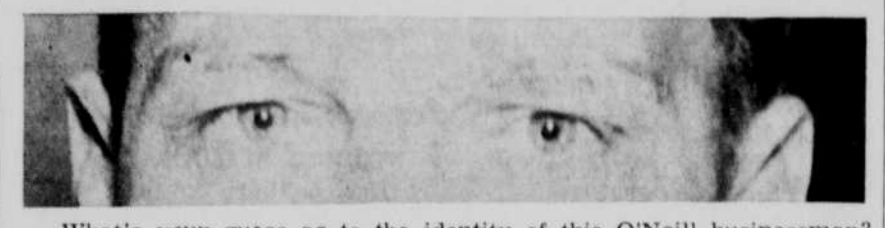
How do you maintain a circulation in a town where everybody knows everything that everybody else is doing anyway? The country editor grinned. "They read the paper," he replied, "to see who got caught at it."

Do You Know Your Neighbor?

"Know Your Neighbor" is not a contest. There are no prizes given for correctly identifying the person pictured. The only reward is 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 family—has 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. Smiling 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 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.

If you have problems with stains of any kind ask for our USDA bulletin on stains, No. 1474.

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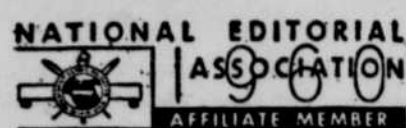
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