

Prairieland Talk

# "Another Convention Past"

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They were there from about every where to witness the fun and folly that brought out another candidate for president of these United States, this time the GOP cantankerous go in the Windy City by Lake Michigan. Yes, some Nebraskans were there and at least one heard from it. It was at a convention in Chicago in the 1890's a Nebraskan was heard from, the Boy Orator of the Platte who became three times a defeated candidate for president. But just the last week in July this year the ladies at the GOP convention put on a party of their own with State Senator Fern Hubbard Orme of Lincoln, the feature speaker. Yes, Senator Orme is a Capital City resident today, how many days ago I dare not say was a bare foot lass on the prairies of Holt county.



Romaine Saunders

Nellie Cronin, a charming Miss behind the counter at Mann's store in O'Neill in the early 1890's, in 1960 Nellie Cronin Hunt, a widow living in our Capital City joined the summer vacation procession and is back in New York state visiting at the home of one of her family. A card from Nellie says it is beautiful back there, but cannot outshine Nebraska's prairieland.

Another cloudless day leaves us the memories of the past; there in the distance we see the golden glow of a prairieland sunset; evening shadows gather and then the gloom of night. Stepping along Douglas street today or up and down Fourth street did you smile as you met a stranger and give a friend the glad hand? I saw her there just ahead as I walked down Fifty-First street, a little child with a smile and outstretched hand. A bit of candy laid in that outstretched hand and another little friend was made happy.

Forest fires in Pacific coast states and now up in the Black Hills. At one time we had the prairie fires to contend with, hitch a team to a plow and plow fire guards that brought an end to the crawling fire which without that plowed strip would have burned the homesteaders dwelling and other buildings.

In Lancaster county, including the city of Lincoln, there are 11,300 citizens receiving social security, a total annually of \$8,500,000. Also in the county between six and seven thousand drawing the state old age monthly payments.

It passed up the Capital City last evening, hit in the Hallam community to the south—a late July raging wind and hail. Blew down the work of men's hands, damaged growing things and cooled the hot summer night. It was about the year 1884. A July night. Here it came out of the northwest, hit our house out there on the open prairie five miles out from O'Neill, moved our house and scared the day-lights out of young Prairieland Talker. Yes, summer storms and winter blizzards but the sun shines again and we go our way with a whole hide.

Tim Dwyer, a pioneer with a pocket full of money and the father of a prominent family of the O'Neill community. Tim Hanley of pioneer stock, a store clerk and there he was as I ascended Pat McManus's knee action elevator to the upper floor and Tim fitted me out in a new suit of clothes. Tim Bunell, a cowboy, one of the last from the open range to hole up in O'Neill. Where are the Tims today—just gone, with maybe a few left in the O'Neill community who cherish their memory. . . . The annual meeting of the State Historical Society will be October 22. The feature speaker is from Northwestern University, Ray A. Billington, said to be an authority on early day history. Some professors posing as such could learn much from old timers that had to do with the settlement of the West, as some of the modern stuff coming from educated gents is far from true experiences of pioneer life.

Step by step we walk the highway of life along. U and I a part of the human throng, shed a tear and sing a song as we move along.

The month of August 184 years ago started these United States on its second month as a nation. In less than 200 years it has become the world's leading country, the envy, the jealousy, the admiration of the people of the whole world. Some three thousand years ago it was Babylon, and then rose and fell three other world empires. The month of August 80 years ago The Frontier was three months old and for 80 years has come out week by week, not missing an issue and has survived three fires and one attempt to wreck the plant; has had nine serving as editors and after all these years continues to be one of Nebraska's leading county seat newspapers. Mathews, the founder and first editor, wrote glowing word pictures of beautiful prairieland that induced some from other states to migrate to the prairies of Holt county. James H. Riggs, a polished young gent out of place in a "wild west" community, followed Mathews, then King and Cronin and the others. So many readers continue to get their copy of The Frontier now in news hands that turn out a fine paper week by week.

# Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

Harold B. Rosenkrans of Dorsey and Miss Alma E. Alm of Minneola were granted a marriage license by County Judge Malone last Monday. . . . George A. Stevens, president of the Moline Plow company of Moline, Ill., was in the city several days last week visiting O'Neill friends. . . . Dan Gielus, state game warden, and one of his deputies, were in the city several days last week looking after violators of the game law, but as far as we can learn they did not catch anyone fracturing the law in this neighborhood.

25 YEARS AGO

The city council has made arrangements with Zeb Warner for the use of his lots on the corner of Fifth and Douglas streets and will use them for free public parking. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Walker and daughter, of Aruba, Dutch West Indies, were in this city Saturday enroute to the home of Mrs. Walker's mother, Mrs. Mammie O'Neill. . . . Edwin Grimes of Chambers was announced from Lincoln as the winner from Holt county of the 4-H wild life conservation award. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Fay Puckett and daughters left Saturday for a motor trip to Idaho. . . . Deaths: George E. Hunter and Clauss Storjoh.

10 YEARS AGO

Orders to report for pre-induction physical examination were forwarded this week to 56 Holt county men. This is the first group of Holt men to be called on during the new mobilization program induced by the Korean conflict. . . . A light vote was caught in Holt county for the primary elections Tuesday. . . . Energization of O'Neill's new white way at 10 p.m. on Saturday, August 19 will not be without due fan fair. The Chamber of Commerce is arranging for the turning on of the new lights with a street dance in connection. . . . Next Sunday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Morrison of O'Neill will mark their 50th wedding anniversary by holding open house from 2 to 5.

5 YEARS AGO

Four dark-skinned young men from India reached Holt county late Tuesday to spend a fortnight with farm families here. They are Rai Kinkar Choudhury, Dhana-jiro Kiwarae Jadhav, C. M. Rajan and Armarji Singh. They are in the United States on an agricultural student exchange arranged by the Ford foundation. . . . The 1955 hay days queen at Atkinson is Miss Leona Schmit, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Schmit. . . . Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the O'Neill Saddle club are leading the move to restore Carney park. . . . O'Neill's National Guard company D of the 195th tank battalion are at Camp Ripley, Minn. . . . Deaths: Dr. H. L. Bennett, 60, well-known north central Nebraska veterinarian.

# The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO

Mr. Ingram, the banker from Clearwater, came in on the stage Wednesday and is spending a few days here. Postmaster Wry notes a pleasant call from Mr. Ingram, having met him some-

time ago in his bank while on a visit to his brother, J. C. Wry. . . . Walter Roth of Columbus arrived in Chambers Thursday to spend sometime at the home of his grandfather, Mr. Franke. . . . A number of young people from Chambers attended the races in O'Neill Thursday.

# "The EDITOR"

25 YEARS AGO

Senator Frank Brady telephoned Dr. Oxford on Monday stating that the highway from Chambers will be extended west to meet highway No. 11. . . . Leo Adams and family returned Tuesday from a tour of the southern states. They drove 3,635 miles which took them through Kansas, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. . . . The contract for the new high school building at Inman was let last Friday. . . . Richard Beed and family of Ontario, S. D., are visiting at the Ed. Beed home west of Chambers. . . . J. W. Waiter and family departed Saturday for a trip through Minnesota.

Whether there is a connection between lung cancer and cigarettes is a matter of opinion. Despite statistics linking the two, a lot of people in the United States apparently aren't too concerned. According to a recent release tobacco produces some \$2.5 billion per year in taxes and that ain't hay.

The federal government apparently appreciates the revenue for it has approved a special \$250,000 fund for research aimed largely at reducing the amount of hand labor involved in tobacco growing. And that is only a small part. The state of Kentucky has appropriated \$1,000,000 for a research center plus another \$50,000 for research work.

It is interesting to note that while the 1959 crop of tobacco produced \$2.5 billion dollars in taxes cash income to producers was only slightly over \$1 billion, and they still had to pay income tax on that.

As far as retail sales go more than 2,000 blind merchants now operate vending stands in which cigarettes and other tobacco products are sold. In 1959 these stands earned a net profit of \$6.5 million for the blind operators.

We're beginning to see now why a good nicker cigar now costs 15 cents.

—BJR—

We noticed several other people taking a second look at a station wagon went through town Friday evening with a load of undraped mannequins piled inside and tied on top. We're accustomed to seeing deer hunters returning with their prey draped over the fender but this really had us shook for a minute.

Is there anything on this earth, from squalling triplets to fresh garbage, or from new-mown hay to barrels of beer, that hasn't been loaded into a station wagon and moved.

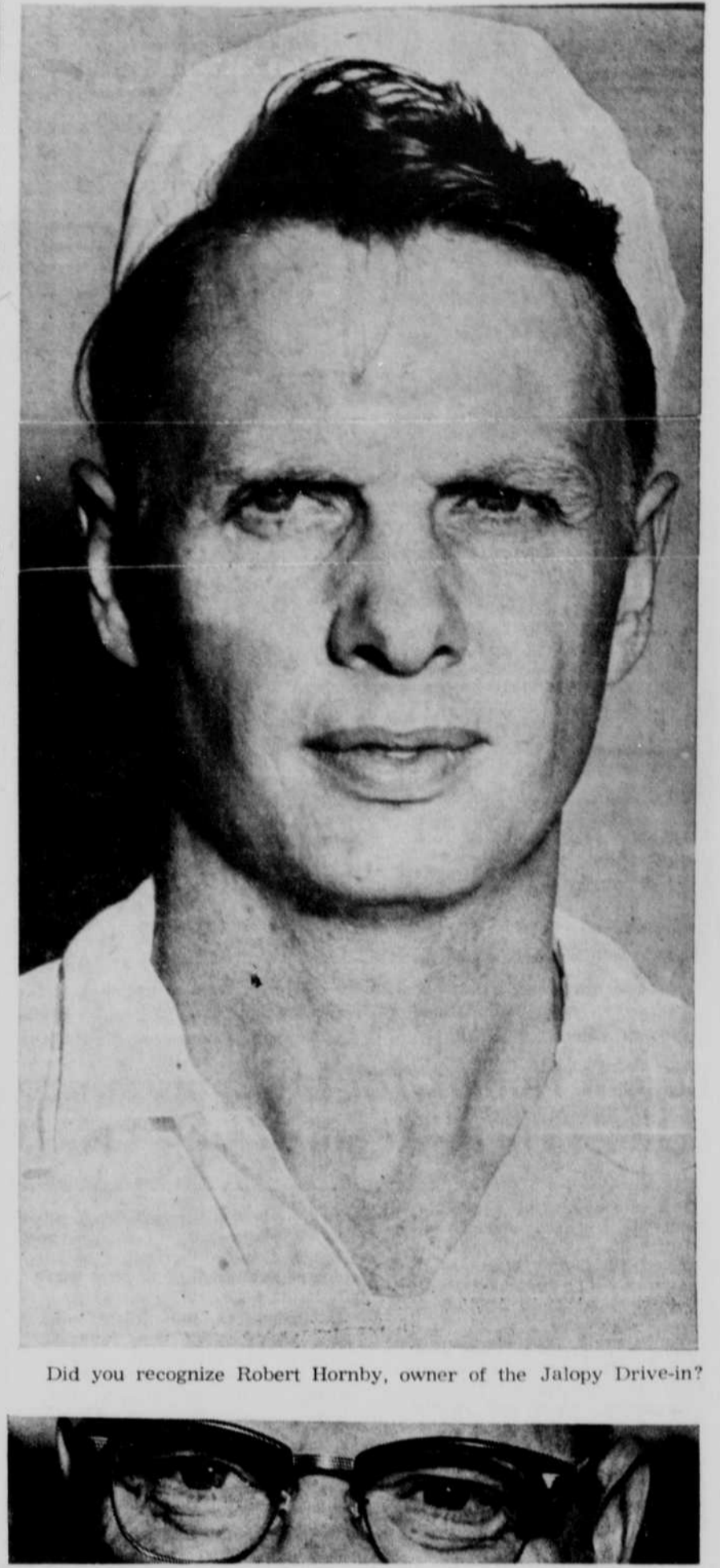
—BJR—

Here's another tale that we can't guarantee is true. We'll leave it up to you. Seems that during the hunting season the rancher had to paint COW in huge letters on all his cattle to keep them from being shot. He even painted COW on his prize bull and one of his neighbors remarked on his injustice.

"Heck," snorted the rancher, "There's no use confusing them city hunters with details."

# 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.



Did you recognize Robert Hornby, owner of the Jalopy Drive-in?

Here's another mystery man to try your skill on.

thanks to all who helped to register the girls, assist the judges, and line the girls up for their stage appearance. Try keeping seventy giggling girls quiet sometime!

The leaders of the clothing clubs deserve much credit for the hours of time they spend with the girls. Mothers, too, get in the act. They must teach the girls to use the sewing machine. This is quite a task for little girls who can barely reach the floor, let alone run a machine.

Apologies are due three girls who got lost in the shuffle. Judy

Kaup received a red ribbon for her apron. Dorothy Conway a red ribbon for her skirt and blouse and Virginia Thompson a blue ribbon for her on her school dress. It's a big wonder more weren't lost.

A repeat performance will be given at the county fair Wednesday afternoon before the grand stand.

# Homemakers Corner . . .

By Catherine Indra Home Extension Agent

Smiles, some tears, a few frowns—these I noticed as I wandered around shutting windows, picking up left-over shoes, belts, dresses, hair curlers and such feminine trivia. And so ended the current 4-H style show—the biggest on record. Two hundred girls and one boy were scrutinized by the judges.

Questions arise on how the 4-H members are judged. A score card designed for judging dress revue contestants is used. Each girl is judged on grooming, posture and poise. The style, color, design and fit are also considered. Included in the construction area is fabric, trim and construction details. A perfectly constructed garment must look well and be modeled well to rate the coveted purple ribbon.

4-H leaders are an essential part of a successful program such as the style review. Our

# Editorial

# More Unemployment?

The Department of Labor reports that unemployment rose by 1,000,000, reaching a total of 4,400,000, in the May-June period. This was a larger increase than was expected. Unemployment among both teenagers and adult workers rose more than seasonally.

About 1,600,000 of the unemployed in June—35 per cent of the total—were teenagers. This figure was about a quarter of a million higher than in June, 1959.

At the same time 3,700,000 teenage boys were employed in June. And it is significant that about one third of them were in sales or service jobs.

So much for the statistics. Now, suppose that the proposal to extend the federal wage-hour law to retail businesses—which have been exempt—were approved. Retailing is a service business which has room for many marginal workers—teenagers, part-time employees, and others with little or no skill or experience. Retailing offers them the opportunity to learn skills that will qualify them for better paid, more responsible jobs. But if an arbitrary national law imposed wage and other restrictions which were out of balance with their productive worth, this kind of employment would be pared to the bone.

The proposed wage-hour law extension would further swell the unemployment totals. And it would hit hardest at those whom it is supposed to aid.

# The Picture Is Gloomy Nebraska Signal

If you are confused by recent political conventions, if you are worried about the farm problem of the Midwest, if you are concerned by the problems of just living or if, as may be the case with most of us, you are living in a world of complacency, you probably should read an article in last week's Saturday Evening Post by J. D. Williams, entitled "The Small World."

The article included in a series called "Adventures of the Mind," concerns man's ability to transform his environment which is rapidly outstripping his capacity to control it. The author is not a visionary, as you may realize when you note he is head of the mathematics division of the Rand Corporation. His institution studies space-age defense problems for the Air Force, among other things. When he writes about things that seem unrealistic to us we have to remember he is writing about things now in being, things which some men comprehend as we understand our everyday transactions.

The article is full of thought-provoking facts and theories but space will permit mention of only a few enough, we hope to induce you to read the entire article.

One point brought out that should be of interest to those who are trying to figure out a solution of our farm surplus problem concerns the much discussed population explosion. Considering a life span as 70 years, Williams shows that in less than a dozen life-spans there will be 50,000 people on the earth where there is now only one. This will mean there will be only one square yard for every human being.

With population so dense, Williams believes each person could grow only enough food to sustain himself one hour. He would have to eliminate 5,000 of his neighbors to survive. This theory certainly should alter our plans with reference to cutting down production of farm products, except that far-

Selfishness is the main cause of bad manners.

The best way to earn a rest is to complete your work.

A poll seems accurate when its results are for your side.

No human beings agree upon the meaning of happiness.

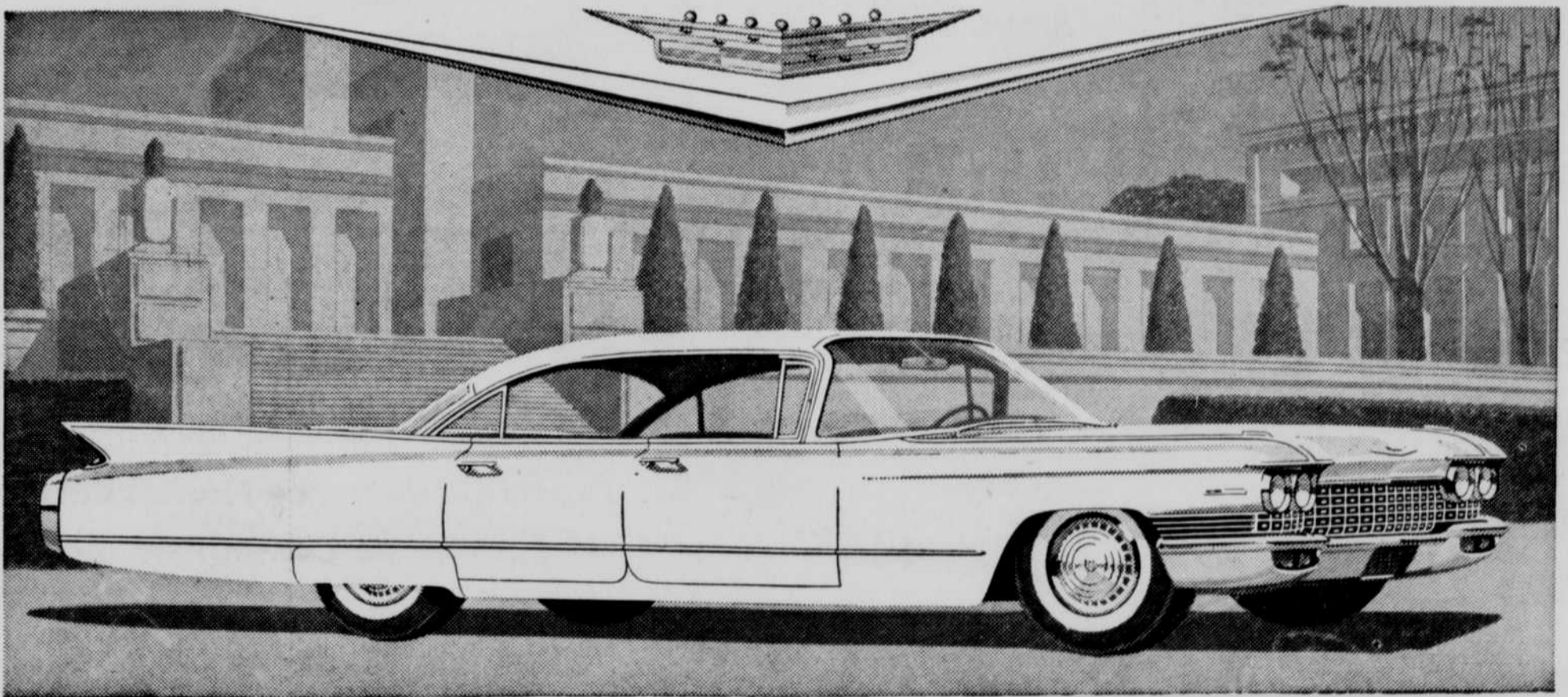
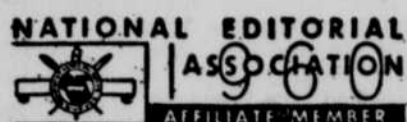
A conversationalist will talk whether anyone is listening, or not.



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