

PrairieLand Talk

"It's Not All Glory"

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It is all over once more and the sun shines in golden glory this morning after election. I voted again, some for whom I voted are out this morning basking in the sunlight of victory, others somewhere in the gloom of defeat. Yes, many times I voted there at the "power house" in O'Neill in days now long gone. Hank McEwenoy, M. P. Kinkaid, Miss Zink, C. J. Malone, Barrett Scott, Charley Hall, these and others voted into office in Holt county, one of them to come to life's end with the hangman's rope about his neck. Some voted for didn't make it, Jessie James for one. And one poor native son went out of the court house to serve a term in the state prison here in Lincoln. Elected to public office is not all glory. But we must have them, from president to county and precinct officials.



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Mrs. Englehart, age 102, was the oldest voter in Lincoln at the late election. Another aged citizen, a woman 85 or 86 years of age, was taken to the voting place by her son-in-law. The old lady sat in the car and ballots were brought to her by one on the election staff of workers and she marked her tickets sitting in the car, handed them to the gent who brought them to her and they were taken in to be placed in the ballot box. Did Grandma Hull of northern Holt county get to vote this year? Well, the Democrats have now both congress and chief executive, lets see what they can do. Nebraska Republicans got everything but the Governor's job.

Rancher Kennedy, my near neighbor when I lived in Swan precinct west of Amelia, may soon hang up his sombrero and head off for Washington to greet his namesake, our new president, and demand to be commissioned Federal Secretary of Agriculture Berney Kennedy.

Democrats now to take over, perhaps our former governor, Val Peterson, in diplomatic service under President Ike will be out of a job and back with us again to return to his first love—publishing a newspaper.

Where the Knights of Columbus buildings now stands at Third and Douglas streets there stood in the 1880's Mr. Zeemer's hotel known as the Arcade. A traveling show troupe came to town, put up at the "high class" hotel on lower Fourth street. An actress and her admirer were turned out of that hotel for alleged immoral relations. The Arcade hotel manager didn't mind what the couple did, so took them in, and the show went on for a few nights at the rink. Just across the street from the Zeemer hotel was Jim Campbell's dining room where for 25 cents you could get more to eat than you can anywhere now for \$1.25.

It was a week in December in the year 1901.—Out Dorsey way some households were having a seizure of small pox . . . C. L. Bright wanted your real estate and insurance business . . . Mrs. Wes Evans was away from the hotel a few days, having gone to Omaha . . . Neil Brennan, the hardware merchant, was under the doctor's care . . . Miss Kate Mann had taken over the management of the J. P. Mann store . . . Clyde King was out from Moline, Ill., on a visit to relatives and his many O'Neill friends . . . Dr. Gilligan amputated the left foot of a young man by the name of Snell. It had been so badly frozen the doctor deemed it best to remove the foot . . . Frank Ellis, a prominent Holt county cowboy, took a shipment of his cattle to Omaha. Disposing of the cattle, he got on a street car to see the town, rolled across to Council Bluffs and got off the bus to discover he had left his overcoat on the bus. Stepped into a drug store and told his trouble. Then his first experience with a telephone, but recovered the missing coat.

Prejudice and bigotry on the religious front, so it is said. Well, there is plenty of both on the political front, too.

A large family of a Nebraska community burned out of house and home. Neighbors take them in and provide for them. The milk of human kindness and sympathy still flows in PrairieLand.

A native daughter of the O'Neill community, Mrs. F. M. Felts, who lives today in Newport, R. I., has undertaken what assuredly should be brought to completion, writing a book dealing with the history of her one time Nebraska home community. She should have the encouragement of all citizens and any help business and professional men and women now carrying on the affairs in the old town can give her. Writing such a story requires years of investigation and publishing a book costs money. Let us help the lady in her worthy undertaking.

It is dark now at 6 o'clock in the evening; darker yet at 6 o'clock in the morning. Long nights to slumber through, then get up and get at what you must do.

He is in the family home in a college community. At the age of 18 no longer in school, books and such things of no interest when a job came his way that brings him \$80 every week. Why spend time seated at a school desk when you can pull down \$80 a week, more than many school teachers will ever receive. Who might this 18-year-old be whom I am interested? Why he is a grandson of PrairieLand Talker. And on his mother's side of the family tribe there was a state official whose formal education ended in the fourth grade. But, boys and girls, hurry on up to the schoolhouse and get your lessons.

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.



Last week's Guess Who was Robert Pappenheimer, manager of the Outlaw store in O'Neill.



Here's a business person familiar to O'Neill shoppers.

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO
Married at St. Patrick's church Monday, November 21, 1910, Dr. J. A. Devine to Miss Mae Campbell, Rev. W. J. O'Sullivan officiating. . . O. J. Slocum of Chicago was in the city last Monday visiting old-time friends. . . Married at the Catholic church last Tuesday morning, November 22, 1910 Wesley Chase to Miss Bridget Enright, Rev. W. J. O'Sullivan officiating. . . George Hansen so'd his residence in the western part of the city to William Welch of Knoxville for \$1400. . . William J. O'Connor of this city and Emma O'Loughlin of South Omaha were married at St. Bridget's church in South Omaha last Tuesday morning. . . Mr. and Mrs. J. F. O'Donnell went to Omaha to attend the O'Connor-O'Loughlin wedding.

25 YEARS AGO
Word reached the city about 5:30 that C. B. Yarnell, local manager of the Golden Rule store, was in an automobile accident south of Atkinson, while returning home from a state managers meeting at Holdrege. . . Al Miller, one of the pioneers of the western part of the county, was down from Atkinson last Monday. . . Last Sunday was a day of genuine Indian summer weather. House flies, ants, bugs, spiders and even garter snakes were animated. . . At Ainsworth last Friday afternoon the local public school football machine tasted defeat, 16 to 7. . . One of the most strenuous schedules in many years has been arranged for the St. Mary's Cardinals.

10 YEARS AGO
Two contractors are at work expanding Consumers Public Power District facilities at O'Neill. Total cost of these improvements represent nearly "a half-million dollars," according to L. C. Walling, district manager. . . O'Neill's one overhead traffic signal, located at the corner of Fourth and Douglas streets, has been a victim of the wind. George Rock soon will observe his 89th birthday anniversary. . . A flower show has been scheduled next week in Atkinson under the auspices of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. . . Mr. and Mrs. Verne Beckwith, who are disposing of the gasoline business and

home here in O'Neill, he purchased the 12-unit Ara Vista motel in Columbus. . . Damage was slight in three fire calls during the past seven days in the city of O'Neill. . . Warrant Officer Loren Keyes of Inman, has been awarded the bronze star.

5 YEARS AGO
A prominent Amelia rancher and his son, were killed about 2:15 p.m. on Sunday when their low-flying plane crashed into a hill in Garfield county, near the Holt-Garfield county line. Dead are Raymond Garwood, 43 and Dale R. Garwood, 20. . . More than 146 guests called on Mr. and Mrs. Anton Jurak on Sunday, November 20, at their farm home seven miles northwest of here. The Juraks were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. . . The annual meeting of the Holt Soil Conservation district will feature Dean W. V. Lambert from the University of Nebraska. . . Deaths: Mrs. P. J. Biglin, 87, a former O'Neill resident, died Monday evening in a Wichita, Kan. hospital; Mrs. Alma Thorell, 67, of Bristow died Sunday afternoon at Lynch; Pearl May Christensen, 61, died at Atkinson hospital; Mrs. McGinnis of Los Angeles died Friday.

Letters to the Editor

O'Neill, Nebr.

Dear Editor:
Here we go again on that High School Bond issue! A repeater-election on this issue is scheduled for December 9.

Those diehard-promoters seem unable to swallow their defeat, so Special Election Number two is coming up at which time the defeated-ones hope to foist their PLAN upon the taxpayers of District 7.

Remember, Ye Taxpayers, it is your tax money that pays for these special elections. Remember, too, it is you who will be paying those \$463,000.—PLUS a lot more dollars before the promoters finish the job, if this bond passes.

Don't be lulled to sleep because the bond didn't pass the first time. The underground is hard at work recruiting their forces. If you don't know places to use it, go to the polis on December 9 and vote "NO" to this proposed High School Bond.

Guard your own finances—nobody else will!

"Old Guard"

The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO
F. R. Davis who lives near Chain Lake fell from a shed last Tuesday and broke both bones of his right arm just above the wrist. The injured man was brought to Chambers and Dr. Colman reduced the fracture and at present he is doing nicely. . . Asa Fouts and wife of Stuart came down in their auto Tuesday to spend Thanksgiving. . . Con Harley and wife were in town Tuesday. . . The school entertainment Tuesday was a success. . . Carl Jeffers came up from Albion and spent Thanksgiving with his parents. . . Thomas Higgins has just finished a new barn on his property east of town. . . The townships in southern Holt are all doing a fine lot of road work and are still at it.

25 YEARS AGO
A heart rendering search was rewarded near midnight, when the little three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Miller, was found in the pasture by the Harvey Jones car and the child was picked up and wrapped up by Evelyn Kiltz. . . Ed Smith is in Chicago this week after a truck load of can-

ROYAL THEATER

Thursday, Nov. 24
No Family Night
THE LOST WORLD
CinemaScope — Color by Deluxe

Fri. - Sat. Nov. 25 - 26
THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN
Yul Brynner — Steve McQueen

Sun. - Mon. - Tues. Nov. 27 - 28 - 29
LET'S MAKE LOVE
Marilyn Monroe — Yves Montand
Tony Randall — Frankie Vaughan
CinemaScope

Wed. 30 — Thurs. Dec. 1
Family Nite — Entire Family \$1.00
FOUR GUNS TO THE BORDER
Rory Calhoun — Colleen Miller
George Nader — Walter Brennan
Nina Foch — John McIntire
Color by Technicolor

Editorial

A Vicious and Deceptive Tax

Two tax measures will reappear at the coming session of the unicameral. These deceptive taxes are designed (according to their proponents) to broaden the tax base. The taxes in question of course, are states sales tax and state income tax. The poor misguided zealots who push for these two measures labor under the mistaken impression that people will be paying tax and property taxes will be reduced. Don't believe it!

Legislators, generally speaking, are like anyone else. The more money they have, the more they will spend. And people, bless 'em, will be pressuring their legislatures for more and larger appropriations if the money is there.

They will find more places to spend money—if they have it. A state sales tax is a vicious and deceptive device designed to make tax collectors of merchants and put them deeper in bookkeeping business for government. Extensive records and reports all add to the unproductive work load of the businessman. And the customer, the man who pays "painlessly" as each purchase is made gets it in the neck, too. Consider it this way:

A laborer, clerk or office worker supporting a family of four will consume a given amount of food and clothing each year. Perhaps his income is \$4,000 a year. He will spend all that money to live and pay a sales tax of probably 2% on his purchases. The tax is only a penalty on him, nothing more.

A worker making \$10,000 a year and supporting the same size family, will spend approximately the same amount for food and clothing as the \$4,000-a-year man, but the percentage of his total income going into sales taxes will be much less.

There is only one thing to do with a sales tax . . . and that is stay as far away from it as possible. Vote it down, fight it, avoid it.

The history of total taxes in states having sales tax is always up. Our neighboring state of Iowa instituted sales tax many years ago to broaden the tax base and reduce property taxes. They broadened the base . . . AND HAVE GENERALLY INCREASED THE TAX LOAD ON PROPERTY AND THE TAXPAYER IN GENERAL.

Let's Promote Nebraska Nebraska Signal

Now that the election is over and the experts have nearly exhausted the country with explanations of what happened and predictions of what will happen, we suggest Nebraskans are ready to settle down to the job of promoting Nebraska.

Most leaders of education, including those outside the schools, feel the future of our education looks better because of the defeat of the amendment to abolish the state board of education and elect a state commissioner by popular vote. Our action on the amendment, however, changes nothing from the situation that prevailed before the election. In other words, the problems we faced in the past remain, including school district reorganization, adequate financing of schools and the retention of adequately trained teachers in the state.

In another field, passage of the industrial development amendment is considered a good omen for the state. The amendment is one step in the

right direction, most of us agree, but at best it will affect a limited number of communities. Those who voted for it and now feel we can sit back and watch industry parade into Nebraska have either been misinformed or they have not bothered to really find out what the amendment made possible.

The election also brought other questions before the voters and the answers given may or may not be indicative of what we will do in the future. Most proposed bond issues for new school buildings, swimming pools and other public buildings were defeated. There were exceptions, of course, where the need seemed to be acute, but generally we indicated we plan to examine all expenditures for public improvements very carefully.

Underlying all thinking of Nebraskans probably is that ever present problem of what can be done to improve the agricultural economy of our state. All progress and all efforts to promote Nebraska must be related to what is done directly for agriculture. The vote of Nebraskans and others in the Midwest has been interpreted by some of the experts as an indication we are not too happy with the course pursued in recent years; at least it may be said to show we didn't approve any radical change in present policies.

In general, then, we believe it is sound thinking to assume Nebraska plans to move ahead but not to take radical action in any field, that we are not after short cuts and that anything we do will have to have a grass roots flavor. We would add to this the sentiment expressed by our governor-elect, that Nebraskans must pull together if we are to improve as a state.

Too Much Monkey Business

Here's a little story which should be included in the thinking of all of us:

Once upon a time, there were two cats which could not agree on a fair division of a chunk of tasty cheese. After an argument, one said "Let's go to the all-wise monkey and let him divide our cheese fairly."

This they did, and the monkey heard their case, then took the cheese and broke it into two parts, putting these on his judicial scales. He found that one piece was slightly heavier than the other, so he nibbled a piece off it and put it again on his scale. But he then found that he nibbled a little too much and it had become lighter than the other, so he bit off a piece of the second, only to find they still were out of balance.

While the two cats watched anxiously, the judicious monkey kept biting pieces off the cheeses in an attempt to even them up, and finally there were only two small pieces remaining.

Suddenly the monkey grabbed both pieces and popped them into his mouth. "What was left was just enough to pay my fee!" he explained.

Careful observers can see a direct parallel between the record of taxation and this ancient parable of the trusting cats, the greedy monkey and the tasty cheese.

If the government is to rule on the disposition of the earnings of individuals and industry by taking bite after bite out of the shares of both, initiative will be stifled, industrial growth will be seriously impeded, and the strength of our vaunted free enterprise system will be seriously threatened.

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