

Prairieland Talk

"Bus Ride Costs 25 Cents"

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Added to the high cost of living down here in the Capital City comes the high cost of riding. City buses at first hauled one from one part of the city to another street corner for 5 cents. Then it was raised to 10 cents, then 15 and now 25 cents to ride a city bus.



Romaine Saunders

After days of clouds, rain and gloomy weather the sun shines in all its golden glory this November morning. Autumn days will soon pass away and another winter with its north winds will begin.

Billy McNichols, Norman Jack Sullivan, Mike Horiskey, Frank and Billy Biglin are today but memories for a few of us. Yes, those friends are gone, gone the way of all mankind, from babyhood to the grave mankind marches on.

At noon November 3 the radio weather man told us in the Capital City that there were seven inches of snow up at Atkinson, my home town some years ago. Atkinson always did things in a big way.

The fun goes on over at Berlin. When it will break out into a great tragedy is today unknown. Through the centuries one group of earth's inhabitants have had another group by the throat.

Printer-Editor-Captain Stewart now has a post-office box down in Capital City. I have not, yet, bumped into Cal, but hope to any minute.

Editorial

Please...No Forced Redistricting!

An effort is being made by the state association of school boards to determine the feeling of individual school board members on compulsory formation of K-12 units throughout the state.

The questionnaire asked if school board members favored or opposed a law requiring that all children in Nebraska must attend a K-12 unit by 1965.

As we understand it, the association is NOT advocating that this be done. It is seeking to determine the feeling of individual members only.

The vote among O'Neill school board members was 2-2 and one abstention. This is probably indicative of the vote throughout the state, although a preponderance of favor could be expected in the larger schools.

We hope no law is ever passed to require compulsory redistricting of the state in all K-12 units. We don't oppose K-12 units... we just oppose the method. Force redistricting, while effective, will cause so much grief and dissension between neighbors, friends and families that it will take years to heal.

The problems involved in enforced redistricting are staggering. Transportation... always a big factor in our area of the state, would render prohibitive the attendance of some small children.

The cost of getting small youngsters to school through snowy periods would be staggering and the situation will grow only worse as our rural population continues to drop.

There is a spot of hope, however. By a normal attrition the number of school districts in the county have been reduced. This same factor will reduce still more districts, until one day the K-12 unit for each child will become a reality.

Stiffened teacher requirements along with higher salaries and other ever-increasing costs will bring along a more voluntary type of redistricting.

Several cases can be cited of small rural districts consolidating to form a slightly larger district. These are the first steps in the direction of the all-K-12 plan. Within a few years, we predict that these recently consolidated districts will again consolidate and for still larger districts either within themselves or by joining a town school.

Admittedly this is a slower process but one much more in keeping with the democratic process.

We are seeing far too much of the government in school, business and the rest of our everyday life now. This enforced redistricting could be the big wedge that would put the government in the school business in a big way... forever!

Enforced redistricting could work such financial hardships on rural communities that they, in desperation, would have to turn to federal aid to comply with the state law. This, we believe is the thinking behind some advocates of enforced redistricting.

As it stands now, schools are able individually, to decide which books their students will use. If and when our schools come under the control of a federal administrator (which could happen if the federal aid idea gets much more widespread) then one unattainable man will make the decisions. Within a decade the textbooks could be teaching the concepts of the party in power whether we liked it or not.

Time To Wake Up

One of the mysteries of the times in the United States is why such a large percentage of butchers, bakers and candlestick makers, figuratively speaking, turn socialistic when elected to public office. Before they became public officials, they would have screamed their heads off at the suggestion of the state or federal government setting up shop in

Frontiers Ago

25 YEARS AGO

According to plans outlined by the state highway department the close of 1957 will see a hard surfaced road from O'Neill to Omaha over highway No. 8. O'Neill high wins over Neigh gridsters 27 to 6. A large crowd of ex-service men, their relatives and friends were in the city Wednesday to help the boys of 1918 celebrate properly the 18th anniversary of the great conflict.

50 YEARS AGO

Joel Coykendall, 87, resident of this county since 1880, died at his home in the western part of the city Thursday morning. Last Saturday afternoon and night the mercury registered about 4 below zero and the wind blew at a 60 mile clip. Joe Mann entered into a contract the first of the week with the firm of Morris, Mann & Reilly of Chicago and will enter into their employ January 1. W. K. Hodgkin, who graduated from the law department of the State University last spring, has opened up a law office in the rooms of Judge Kinkaid over the Nebraska State Bank and has entered upon the practice of his profession.

10 YEARS AGO

Two hundred guests help Mr. and Mrs. William C. Kelley celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary Sunday. November 24 Mrs. Joseph Axtell, Stuart, brought the X-mistle by her parents in 1866 for her health, will reach her 100th birthday anniversary. Eleven Holt county selective service registrants will

leave today for induction into the armed forces. Otis A. Kilpatrick, 72, O'Neill cattle buyer, died Tuesday morning, Nov. 13, at Sacred Heart hospital in Lynch after several months hospitalization. O'Neill business firms will unveil Christmas windows November 28. A west-Holt county pioneer, Martin Miksch Sunday was honored in celebration of his 91st birthday anniversary.

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school in O'Neill Monday. Mr. Whipple bought a bunch of sheep of Mr. Mielke Monday.

25 YEARS AGO Miss Margaret Harshfield, Atkinson, became the bride of Mr. Ronald Watson, Amelia, at 11 o'clock the morning of Armistice Day at the Methodist parsonage in Atkinson. The T. S. and Art Doolittle families, Maurice Kennedy, Ann Mikus and Albert Smith helped Earl Doolittle celebrate his birthday Wednesday night. Members of the Good Cheer Workers club met with Erma Bly Friday and worked on Christmas gifts for the Orthopedic hospital. Some of the seniors students are planning to take teachers' exams next Saturday at O'Neill. Chris Madson is retiring from ranching and moving to Oregon. He is planning a public sale November 25.

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Advertisement for Gambles The Friendly Store featuring 1962 Coronado Laundry Festival. Includes details for Coronado Imperial Semi-Automatic (\$169.95), Coronado Imperial Automatic (\$269.95), and Coronado Deluxe Twins (\$129.95/\$179.95). Promotions include 'NO MONEY DOWN' and 'FREE HOME TRIAL!'.

The sun shines out of a cloudless sky this morning. May our walk along the highway of life today, radiate that which may cheer a fellow traveler going our way.

Grandma Adison, a pioneer wife and mother. We cherish the memory of our pioneer men who contributed much to the development of the region we know today as Holt county. But little is said or written concerning the pioneer women without whom the pioneers would have been helpless. Grandma Adison and her husband were early day settlers a few miles northwest of the village of Mineola, settling out there before the Mineola community was thought of, lived there and Grandma was the mother of three daughters and two sons, one of these three daughters becoming the wife of The Frontier's first printer, later editor of the Dustan Dispatch, and then editor of the O'Neill Item. After their sons and daughters were grown and gone all but the youngest son, Grandma's husband died, she sold the farm and moved into O'Neill, having a home built on Fremont street between Second and Third streets. Her son, Fred, having taken to carpenter work, built the house for himself and mother to live in. There Grandma Adison made her home from about 1900 until her death some 50 years ago, and she a pioneer wife and mother now no more, her remains in the abode of the dead upon the hill, one at least in the person of Prairieland Talker cherishing her memory.

competition with them. But once they don the dress of officialism, too many of them change and vote to have the government compete with or eliminate their neighbor's business.

The Dallas Morning News recently said editorially, "The nation's doctors... stand against government (socialized) medicine. In this fight they have been in the front lines since the 1930's, and what they are doing is the biggest story in your lives: Will you and your children remain free, or will the government take you over?"

"So when doctors fight to protect themselves, they are fighting to protect you and your right to invest in a business of your own and run it as a free enterprise.

"Through the years... The News has warned that the Tennessee Valley Authority was only the starter of a government effort to control the utilities. Now the government manufactures a fourth of all power. We warned that 'minor' federal programs, like school lunches, were only a springboard... to federalized schools. Were we wrong?"

"We warned that bureaus like CAB and FCC would eventually be used to control the affairs of private airlines and programing for TV and radio stations."

Yes, your turn may be next unless you oppose the extension of federal and state competition with private enterprise.

The Way To Oblivion

A man from Mars listening in on world arguments as to freedom and peaceful coexistence would be completely confused. Half the people of the world don't know the meaning of freedom. The other half have become so used to having it, without any effort or sacrifice on their part, that they accept political trends that would destroy it, without thinking.

Centralized authority that emerges from the welfare state and government in business in competition with its own citizens, evolves eventually into socialism and communism. In the name of freedom and liberation of a people, government then tells the individual what to do, and shoots him if he resists.

When people become mere servants of public officials rather than their masters, freedom no longer exists. A government that guarantees freedom is one that protects individual opportunity and ownership of property, not one that restricts and destroys life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

When people forget this they are on their way to oblivion.



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