

Prairie Land Talk

"Horse Race To Chicago"

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Some 70 years ago Nebraska cowboys took part in a one thousand mile horse race, from a point up in Dawes county to Chicago. O'Neill was on the route of these riders and a number of them stopped here for a rest. Doc Middleton being among that number as Doc could not pass up his old stamping and camping community. One of the Dawes county riders could not continue in the race and was sick when he reached O'Neill. Harry Gillespie, brother of the late Lloyd Gillespie took that sick rider's place and headed for the stopping place at Buffalo Bill's show grounds in Chicago. The race was inspired by some ranchers who had gone to raising a fancy breed of horses, to show us what their fancy nags could do. But a little buckskin bronco of our grass robed Prairie land won that thousand mile race. A comic feature of that race to westward was the Humane Society back in Massachusetts sent out a gent from that eastern state to see that the cowboys took care of their horses. Each rider had three horses.



Romain Saunders

We hear a complaint that school teachers are not being paid enough. Now the story comes of a retired school teacher at her death left over three million dollars she could not take with her to the abode of the dead. Pioneer school teachers out on the prairie were paid 18 to 20 dollars a month, and that poor girl teacher up Dry Creek who lost her life in that '88 blizzard had been getting 16 dollars a month. Some thirty years later Mrs. Saunders, my wife, pulled down thirty dollars a month substituting a few weeks for the absent teacher.

Two Indian women who claimed to be sisters and said they were from the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota were recently in the section of our Capital City in which Prairie land Talker now calls home. These two Sioux "squaws" were well groomed in the dress of the white ladies, spoke clearly and were around selling hand made flowers, going from door to door to find customers. So it has come to that with our Indian neighbors to the north of Holt county.

Birthday and Christmas greetings come from friends far and near. And again how lovely to have cheering words from that lady born in a De Yarn home in O'Neill, now a housewife in a New England state. And friends in Seattle, Wash., send greetings again with a touch of literary beauty and lovely charm. Mr. and Mrs. Segelman once lived in O'Neill, they now in a distant northwest state and say they are interested in Cal Stewart's undertaking in the Capital City and will subscribe for his Sun. They in the northwest, the DeYarnman daughter in the far northeast. Others here and in distant states send greetings and I thank them all.

There are those in Chambers and nearby who knew and esteemed Mrs. Ethel Hammer, who with her husband Ezra Hammer published a paper, The Chambers Sun, disposing of their interest in and near Chambers some twenty or more years ago and went to Idaho. Mrs. Hammer, now a widow, her husband layed away in the abode of the dead, Ethel making her home in Parma, Idaho, where she has a brother and other relatives. Prairie land Talker recently had a cheering letter from Mrs. Hammer who thus remembers her friends as the Christmas season approaches. It is always grand to get word from friends of the long ago. The Chambers Sun was taken over by a native son of that community and he and his wife continued to publish a newsy sheet for a few years, then closed shop. I had done duty in the Chambers Sun plant at times, and now Southern Holt county's flourishing village has no print shop, but The Frontier has a newsy Chambers department in each issue of Holt county's oldest newspaper, oldest business of any in the county. Mrs. Hammer was a good newspaper gal in her day down at Chambers, and now lives in ease out there in southern Idaho.

Even a dark cloudy day in early December retains a touch of autumn beauty on Prairie land. The grass robed Prairie land brown and faded floral beauty, but with the prairie wildings still about, the call of the coyote to his mate, the jack rabbit about at night in search of an apple tree from which to peel the bark upon which to feed, the rabbit's winter grub. Here and there lay blankets of snow and the landscape at rest until the dawn of a spring morning and beauty blooms again on Prairie land. But this is winter, so Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!

Morning has come, the last morning in November. I will walk today where I have walked other days, hope to meet a bright eyed smiling little girl or boy and make another little friend happy with a bit of candy. And may meet an aged lonely old soul and pause again to cheer a fellow traveler along life's highway.

In 1881 the world to an end will come, was a get off that frightened me as a 10-year-old. In the year 1964 day and night will be no more for many of us if not all.

It was a shock to many in our Capital City to read one evening in their evening newspaper a letter from a citizen who seems to have turned Bolshevik and joined the Russians trampling an impious foot upon the word of God, the Bible the book that outnumbers all other books in circulation with its messages to mankind. Where today is the author that could write the 23rd Psalm, the 13th chapter of First Corinthians, the story of creation, or the preacher or orator who could give us something comparable to the Sermon on the Mount? Yes, the Communists raise a voice against the good and beautiful we have known, and what have they to offer? Steps along the highway to synagogues of Satan.

Editorial

He Said It Best

This is what the beloved Will Rogers thought of the weekly newspaper:

"Take away my ham, take away my eggs, even my chili, but leave me my newspaper."

"Even if it has such purely local news as 'Jim Jones came home last night unexpectedly and bloodshed ensued,' or 'Jes Bushyhead, our local M.D., is having one of the best years in his career, practically speaking—but they just won't pay him when they get well,' and 'election ain't far off, and everybody is up for office that can sign an application blank.'"

"Now all that don't seem much news to you. But it is news, especially when you know the people and they are your own folks. So, no matter how punk you think your local newspaper is, let them take it away from you for a while and see how you feel. The old newspaper, I think, is about our biggest blessing."

"So let's read and be merry, for tomorrow the paper may not have enough ads to come out."

But, Mr. Dillon, He Told Me to 'Git'

The Neligh Leader

Whirling and clattering a helicopter came out of the Kansas sky Monday and nestled down on the lush bluestem pasture land.

Out climbed Interior Secretary Stewart Udall and other dignitaries for a stroll on the prairie. A site Secretary Udall hopes to turn into a national park.

There to greet them was a lean weathered Kansas rancher, Carl Bellingier.

Rancher Bellingier spoke first, "Get off this land, you're trespassing."

Now few words in the American language are easier to understand than, "Git."

Secretary Udall, a westerner himself, got the message immediately. Cutting his stroll short, he climbed back into his helicopter and "Got."

With hurt feelings the secretary commented, "It's too bad when a member of the President's cabinet tries to take a walk on a hill he is told to get off."

With respect to Secretary Udall, it is not too bad! It is instead, just wonderful! And what makes it even more wonderful is that this Kansas rancher could tell the President himself to "Git."

Now here is propaganda that should be broadcast throughout the world. This is what makes the United States.

It's not only that Mr. Bellingier had the "right" to boot a member of the cabinet off private property that is important; but that he had guts enough to do it in protecting what he thought was right.

This type of American was overlooked by Japan and Germany prior to World War II. The lesson they learned has been ignored or forgotten by the communists.

Mr. Bellingier has demonstrated to the world that it's still alive.

Price Fixing Confusion

From the Omaha World Herald

The Department of Agriculture has charged seven meat packers, three food chains and two producers with "manipulating or controlling lamb prices, and restricting competition in lamb buying," Secretary Freeman called the charges "gravely serious."

If the same business firms were engaged in the marketing and processing of some other farm commodities—wheat, for example—they would be required to comply with the price manipulation and restriction of competition which Mr. Freeman carries out under the directive of Federal law.

Confusing, isn't it?

Amen, Mr. Kennedy

By Congressman H. R. Gross (R-Iowa)

Speaking at the University of Virginia Law School Forum, Charlottesville, Virginia on December 12, 1960, the Honorable Joseph P. Kennedy, father of the President, had this to say:

"We have never wanted a part of other people's scraps. Today we have them and just why, nobody quite seems to know. What business is it of ours to support French colonial policy in Indo-China or to achieve Mr. Syngman Rhee's concepts of democracy in Korea? Shall we now send the Marines into the mountains of Tibet to keep the Dalai Lama on his throne? We can do well to mind our business and interfere only where somebody threatens our business and our homes.

"The policy I suggest, moreover, gives us a chance economically to keep our heads above water. For years, I have argued the necessity for not burdening ourselves with unnecessary debts. There is no surer way to destroy the basis of American enterprise than to destroy the initiative of the men who make it. We will, of course, continue to have to pay and pay heavily for our defense. But what have we now in hand for the billions that we have spent abroad? We can no longer afford this luxury; we dare not afford its consequences to our own security. Those who recall 1932 know too easily the dangers that can arise from within, when our own economic system fails to function. If we weaken it with lavish spending either on foreign nations or in foreign wars, we run the danger of precipitating another 1932 and of destroying the very system which we are trying to save.

"An Atlas, whose back is bowed and whose hands are busy holding up the world, has no arms left to deal with his own defense. Increase his burdens and you will crush him, or attack him from behind and he cannot turn to defend himself. This is our present posture. It strangles our might."

This is one Kennedy speech I can endorse wholeheartedly, and it's too bad the President apparently doesn't agree with his father.

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

Fur coats for Christmas gifts are advertised at the P. J. McManus store at the following prices: Genuine Bear coat, \$27.50; Russian calf coat, \$29-\$35; Raccoon heavy fur, \$75; Black Dog, \$18.50-\$25, and Kangaroo tail trimming, \$30. Miss Mary Sullivan entertained a party of friends at her home Wednesday evening in honor of her brothers, Jack and Dan, who are visiting here over the holidays. A hay barn belonging to William Krotter at Stuart burned to the ground last Thursday destroying 600 tons of hay. Nelson Van Every received bruises when his horse became frightened at an automobile and threw him in the ditch while bringing a load of loose hay to town Monday.

25 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lowery, Mered, are the proud parents of a baby girl born to them at the Lynch hospital November 25. James W. Trigg, better known as "Silver," died Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sanders. Mayor John Kersenbrock will be host to the members of the O'Neill high school football team and their mothers at a dinner December 17 in the Presbyterian church basement. Thirty-eight sign applications for the re-organization of a Lions club in this city. Crows are less numerous here than for a number of seasons; probably congregated where some grain was raised last summer. Supervisors Reimers, Walters, Carson, Steinhilber and Sullivan met Monday for Omaha to attend the convention of county commissioners.

10 YEARS AGO

The Rev. Sam Lee, York, is installed as the new pastor of First Presbyterian church here, succeeding the Rev. Ralph Gerber who went to Lexington in October. Mail carrier, Ernest Rosenkrans, Lynch, sights Bobcat on route. The Holt county chest x-ray survey will begin in Stuart Tuesday morning. Herbert Gidessen, 28, has clothes torn from him in power-takeoff accident; suffers fractured leg and bruises. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Fink, Page celebrate 40th wedding anniversary December 16. Cpl. Gene Cavanaugh has been transferred from New Brunswick, N. J., to Germany. SMA Cards capture city basketball title by defeating the OHS Eagles 30-28.

5 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tams, Ewing, will be honored at an open house reception in the Methodist church parish in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary. 94 hunters get deer in 5-day hunt. Harry R. Smith purchases C. E. Lundgren building to house Smith Implements. Reed Tomjack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tomjack, invites parents on cruise aboard the SS Bodonian Straits. The Holt chapter of the Nebraska Small Schools association schedules meetings. Roy Rhodes, 67, Stuart, a World War I veteran, dies December 10 in Lincoln hospital.

The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO

Mr. Kapple took baled hay to O'Neill for L. Fluckey Tuesday. F. E. Graves will have a sale Saturday and expects to leave with his family next week for their home in Wisconsin. Mrs. Graham from Kansas is here on a visit to her son, Charley Graham. George Anderson took a load of hogs to Emmet the first of the week. Barnums Hardware advertises rocking chairs at 75 cents and up. Smith Brothers advertise Christmas candy and mixed nuts at 15 cents per pound.

25 YEARS AGO

One-year-old Dodge sedan advertised for sale at \$575 by Bob Star's Garage; two-year-old Ford coach with mohair upholstery and dual horns, \$385. Mrs. J. E. Summerer, 38, dies December 3 at her home southwest of Ewing after many weeks of illness. Grant A. Turner died early Wednesday morning at the home of his son, William W. Turner in Chambers. T. E. Newhouse is the president of the American Red Cross, Chambers branch. Arthur Rummels will be at the Chevrolet Garage December 12 to buy furs. Santa Claus will be on the streets of Chambers December 19 with candy and nuts for the kiddies.

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Clearwater News Venus News

Mr. Charles Curtright Hunter 5-2296

By Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser

George Klabenes jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. George Klabenes sr., left Monday for Omaha where he enlisted Tuesday in the United States Army for three years. He will go to Camp Carson, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Curtright, with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Schrage as co-hostesses, entertained the YML card club at the Curtright home Monday night. Prizes were won by Mrs. Robert McDaniell, Earl Snider, Mrs. Ileen Schmitz and Bob Middleton. A Christmas gift exchange was held. A carry-in lunch was served at the close of the evening.

Kenneth Hartig, Ewing, spent Monday evening in the Howard Luben home.

Mrs. Darrol Peters underwent an appendectomy in the Lutheran hospital in Norfolk Tuesday.

Mrs. George Wrenholt went to Seattle last week, being called there by the serious illness of her mother.

The senior class play "Nit Wits" which was to have been presented Friday, Dec. 8, has been postponed, according to director Donald Duphey. A new date will be named later.

The second in a series of three classes in Civil Defense instruction was held Sunday with 35 in attendance. Kenneth Shibata is the instructor.

Melvin Lund suffered injury to his left leg Wednesday while doing chores. Lignaments were torn and he was taken to a Neligh doctor for treatment. The Youth Fellowship of the Methodist church plans to visit homes in town Sunday evening and do some Christmas caroling. Mr. and Mrs. Emery Carey are the group sponsors. Christmas lighting is displayed on Clearwater's main street. The decorations were new last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Snider and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hale went to Crawford Friday to visit in the home of Mr. Hale's brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Luben and the Otto Hubel family visited in the Carl Hubel home Sunday night.

Mrs. Gertrude Friedenburg visited in the H. M. Wintz home over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Britnell and daughter, Betty, Albion visited in the Mearl Sparks home Tuesday evening.

Try the Frontier Want Ads.

Orchard Grade School Will Present Operetta

ORCHARD — An operetta, "Merry Christmas, Mister Snowman," will be presented by the grade school children Thursday evening, Dec. 21.

R. M. Cowling will supervise the operetta assisted by the grade teachers, Mr. Mittels, dancing director; Mrs. Parkhurst, costumes; Mrs. Grim, chorus music, and Mrs. Carson, dialogues. The band will present numbers and the high school girls chorus will give vocal selections.

Accident Victim Dismissed from Creighton Hosp.

VERDIGRE — Mrs. Donald Vejvoda, Lawler, Ia., was dismissed from the Creighton hospital Friday, following hospitalization for care of injuries sustained in a car-train accident Thanksgiving evening a mile south of Verdigre.

Mr. Vejvoda is still in the hospital suffering neck injuries, a cracked vertebrae and torn muscles as well as bruises. Mrs. Vejvoda had lacerations on one

knee and heavy bruises about the face and body.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Vejvoda were raised in Verdigre and were graduated from the Verdigre Lutheran church, Lynch, at the monthly meeting held in the church basement Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Micanek Is New President Of Society

LYNCH — Mrs. Dwight Micanek was elected president of the Mary and Martha Society of the Christ Lutheran church, Lynch, at the monthly meeting held in the church basement Thursday afternoon.

Also elected for the coming year were: Mrs. Arthur Retzlaff, vice president; Mrs. Dale Bessert, treasurer; Mrs. Harold Micanek, secretary, and Mrs. Leman Huber, corresponding secretary.

Pastor Burgdorf led the group in devotions and the topic study. The members prepared "kiddle kits" of combs, pencils, wash cloths, etc., to be sent overseas to children.

Mrs. Dale Bessert was hostess. Mrs. Gay Hull attended as a guest.

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