

Prairieland Talk

"Kinkaid -- Most Noted Citizen"

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Moses P. Kinkaid—Lawyer, district court judge, congressman; his lifeless form lies under the sod in the abode of the dead up on the Hill. Without wife, family, relative or personal friend he had spent some 49 years a resident of O'Neill and always could be elected to office. Not a member of any church group but once a week found him at some church maybe to get a vote or two as a candidate for office. No personal friends, but Prairieland Talker had close contact with the distinguished gent and in business affairs found him hard boiled. Some 40 years ago our congressman lay dead in his costly coffin at the old skating rink where funeral services were held for him under the direction of some of his congressmen acquaintances from Washington, a grand display of flowers at the casket. Of the community onlookers there was not a friend, the late L. G. Gillespie saying in after years that those at the Kinkaid funeral services all "hated him." Maybe so, but Moses P. Kinkaid was the most noted citizen of this community in his day.



Romaine Saunders

President Kennedy is joined by Gov. Morrison asking that the citizens of these United States drink more milk. So state and national politics now just a cup of milk.

In our Capital City is an institution known as the Christian Record. It prints for and administers to the blind, extending a helpful hand in the form of records and printed messages that blind folks read not by sight but by finger touch. There are multitudes of sightless world over, and to these the Record folks are bringing a bit of comfort.

So my good neighbor when I was a citizen of Swan township, Mr. Bly, is still at the job I got him into some 20 years ago, precinct assessor. It is time now that this patriotic citizen of southwest Holt county and thrifty ranchman with Mrs. Bly go to O'Neill and the precinct official take over at the courthouse as county assessor.

Clouds overhead today. Behind the clouds the sun still shines. And the Hand that formed the sun and hung above us a cloud still points the way that leads to the cloudless eternal day.

Little drops of water, little gusts of wind, make the welcome dew drop when cold old Jack Frost has again had to stop.

Yes, Prairieland Talker has had a ride in a shining bright '62 Ford. Any better than my own first Ford some 40 years ago? Well, quite an improvement, rolling along smoothly a mile a minute with son-in-law Harold's capable hands at the steering wheel. And who is there in O'Neill today who saw the horse drawn wagons come along the dirt road from the northeast corner of town angling down to the intersection now known as Fifth and Douglas streets. Yes, I believe Henry Grady can tell you about it. Somehow, we of the genus homo have ever been on the go—walking, traveling in wagons or on horseback. Now, on rubber tired wheels or high up in an airplane. What next?

The old timers at Atkinson did not get the courthouse they so much desired, but they left to their descendants a great cattle and hay town and everybody from Postmaster Miller to Banker Adams extends me the glad hand when Prairieland Talker's footsteps travel the streets of Atkinson.

Doc Matthews who started The Frontier in 1880 was a brilliant writer and capable business man, as was also his first printer, by brother, Ezra. John McDonough who founded and published the O'Neill Tribune soon after Matthews got his paper going was also a great writer and successful business man. John's head printer had few if any equals as a brilliant writer, but lacked it all when it evolved business. Clyde King was another fast type setter and beautiful writer, a literary classic but a business failure, and had not his brother-in-law, Joe Mann, joined Clyde and assumed management of their business it would have failed. D. H. Cronin, many years publisher of The Frontier, had business in him but no poetic jingles. The great Shapewear could not get a bite of bread for his best dramatic production. But we need and enjoy both the bread and the beauty in verse or prose.

The Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that a federal Sunday closing law is not a religious affair. Probably most citizens think it is. Considerable blue law activity throughout the country just now. Some 67 years ago Prairieland Talker was a printer at the Journal printing institution in Sioux City. The church people were at it to have Sioux City adopt a Sunday closing ordinance. So up came the fellows opposing the proposal with the threat that if Sioux City adopted such a thing they would have the clergymen all arrested for working on Sunday, as that was the one day of the week they were at work holding church services earning their salaries. No Sunday closing law for that town and it is still that way with the Sioux City citizens.

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO Mrs. Bessie McCloud, mother of George McCloud, died in this city last Sunday evening after a protracted illness. The Strollers Quartette will be presented at the Opera House February 18, in their sixth season. Supervisors Davis, Tomlinson and Hubble, the three new members of the board, went to the Niobrara river last Monday to view the proposed sites of the new bridge across that stream. E. H. Thompson, one of the pioneer residents of this county passed away last Wednesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Will Crandell are rejoicing over the arrival of a little son in their home. George Holcomb is chairman of the new literary society formed at Kola.

25 YEARS AGO Mayor Kersenbrock had the tennis court flooded last Sunday to provide a skating rink for the youngsters. Roy William Carroll of O'Neill received his master of arts degree from the University of Nebraska last week. Mrs. Richard H. Murray passed away at her home in this city last Thursday afternoon after an illness of a couple of weeks with the flu at the age of 72 years. O'Neill pays in over \$300 to Red Cross Flood aid. Death takes C. D. Keyes, one of the early pioneers of this county. The first sale at the O'Neill Sales Pavilion was held last Monday. During the month of January, 34 new cars were registered here.

10 YEARS AGO New 24-inch 500-watt aerial beacon goes into action at Municipal airport, according to Airport Manager, Gordon O. Harper. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vivan, Lynch, celebrate their 50th anniversary. George Janousek announces plans for opening of grocery store on North Fourth street. Miss Frieda Warden, Hillboro, Ill., becomes the bride of Leroy Bartling, O'Neill January 18 at Christ Lutheran church parsonage here. O'Neill Eagles triumph over Chambers, Page and St. Mary's to win 1952 Holt County basketball championship. Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary January 29.

5 YEARS AGO Stuart to seek fire district for rural protection. The farm home of Tim O'Connell located five miles southeast of Atkinson, is completely destroyed by fire. Christ Evangelical Lutheran church members offer \$35,000 in bonds toward completion of \$75,000 church building here. D. F. Scott, retired Atkinson farmer, dies January 26 at age of 70 years. St. Mary's Cardinals are new Holt county basketball champions after defeating Inman Tigers. Linda Marie Serck is named regents scholarship winner at O'Neill high school. Larry Lee Brookhouser, Orchard, and Patricia Joan Tomlinson, O'Neill, are issued marriage license January 23.

Paul Shierk INSURANCE AGENCY O'NEILL, NEBR. Insurance of All Kinds

The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO The M. E. Ladies Aid will give a reception Wednesday for the laides of the Aid and their families who expect to leave for their new homes in Canada and Washington this spring. The Band Boys have commenced their rehearsal for their play which they expect to give the last of this month. Pearl Goodspeed has sold his business in Inman and will move to Chambers. The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Adams is recovering from his recent illness and the nurse left today. The Epworth League held a social at the church Wednesday evening, a good program was rendered. Advertisement reads: Wanted, horses and mules, highest market price will be paid, H. H. Hoops.

25 YEARS AGO Funeral services will be held this afternoon for Grandma Truesdale, 83, who passed away at the Old Soldier's home at Grand Island Tuesday evening. Little Maxine Peterson is recovering nicely from quite a severe burn which she received several days ago, caused from falling against a hot stove. Mrs. John Christon, Ewing, has been here caring for her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Thorin and family who had undergone a severe seige of flu. Duane, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Porter, is carrying his arm in a sling these days, having fallen from the rack of the family truck onto cement.

The Frontier—

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Warranty Deeds

WD-Ruth West Elverson, to West Lumber & Coal Co., Page \$1 - Pt of Outlot A, Page Village. WD-Bernard Allen to Duane McKay, O'N \$12,000. Lot 16, Gilg & Ressel's Adn. WD-Geo Weingartner to O'Neill Nat Bk, \$15,000, Lots 15 and 16. Bk 22, O'Neill. WD-Edward Sukup, O'N to Geo L Sukup, O'N \$2220 - SW 1/4 NW 1/4 32-30-9. WD-Jim W Tinsley, Ewing to James W Tinsley & wf, Ewing \$1-NW 1/4 & N 1/2 SW 1/4 14-26-10. EASEMENT - Lloyd Gibson, O'N to Consumers Pub Power Dist \$1-SW 1/4 & SE 1/4 29-29-11. WD-Dorothy Lawrence, O'N to Marcella Bollwitt, Ewing \$341.00 Lot 9 & E 25' Lot 8, Bk, 15, Ewing Nebr. WD-Lila V Hull and Guy Hull, O'N to William Ray Wilson and Fay E Pinkerman, O'N \$1500 - NE 1/4 SE 1/4 10- Lots 1, 2 & 3 & N 1/2 SW 1/4 11-SE 1/4, E 1/2 SW 1/4 & SW 1/4 14, all in Twp 32, Range 10 & SW 1/4 SW 1/4 1; S 1/2 SE 1/2 & SE 1/4 SW 1/4 2-31-10. QCD-Helen A Asimus to Harry R. Smith, O'N \$1- Lots 16, 17, 18, Bk 3, Matthews Add O'N. WD-Mona Melvin Shelton to Robert Matthews, O'N \$4000-SE 1/4 NE 1/4 29-29-11. WD-Robert E Matthews et. O'N to Francis E Havranek \$4500 - Pt of Lots 11 & 12, all 13, Bk "J", McCaff 2nd Add, O'N. WD-Mary Jirak & Anton Jirak, O'N to Robert E Matthews \$16,000 SE 1/4 4-29-12. WD - Ben Gilligan & wf, to Nettie F Widdfield, O'N No 1 Lot 1, Bk "E" Fahy's 2nd Add, O'N. WD - R E Speltz, O'N to LaVern H Caskey, O'N \$1- Lot 2, Speltz Ray Sub Division, O'Neill WD-J A Larson, Ewing to Ray

S Butler, Ewing \$400-Lot 1, Bk 6, Ewing Nebr. SHERIFF'S DEED - Leo S Tomjack, Sheriff to Loyd Cork, Page \$255 - Pt of SE 1/4 NE 1/4 13-28-10. WD - Rose Hovey, O'N to Rose Hovey & Wm H Hovey \$1- Lots 5-6-7-Bk 15, Hallocks 2nd Add, Stuart, Nebr. WD-Mary J Howard, O'N to Harold L Summers, Page \$7000- NW 1/4 22-29-10. WD-N Jeanne Sorensen, Page to Wm E Sorensen & Jeanne Sorensen \$1 - NW 1/4 6-28-9. WD-Harold L Summers, Page to William E Sorensen & wf, Page \$1 Pt of NW 1/4 21-29-9. WD - Harold L Summers, Page to Wm E Sorensen & wf, Page \$11,000 NE 1/4 21-29-9. WD-Henry W Walters & wf, O'N to Allen H Walters, O'N \$10,500 W 1/2 W 1/2 & SE 1/4 SW 1/4 11-31-11. WD-Donald Craig et al to Howard O Miller, Ewg \$4000-NE 1/4 SE 1/4 24-26-9. QCD-Mary Janzing, Emmet to Rose F Bognor \$1 -E 1/2 NW 1/4 & W 1/2 NW 1/4 15-29-13. QCD - Mary Janzing, Emmet to Elizabeth & Joe Babi \$1 SW 1/4 15-29-13. WD-LaVern Caskey, O'N to Mary R Kelly, O'N \$9000-Lots 4 & 5, Bk 3, Hazlett's Add to O'Neill. WD-Carrie H Townsend to Helen I Chmeler & Clinton Townsend, Lots 17 & 18, Bk, 9, Page, Nebr. WD-Carrie Townsend, Page to C C Townsend & Helen I Chmeler \$1 - Lots 9 & 10, Bk 10, Lots 17 & 18, Bk 9, Page, Nebr. WD - Martina G Dishner, O'N to Frank E Soukup, O'N \$24,000-SE 1/4 11; NE 1/4 14-29-12. WD-Thomas Slattery, Atk to Donald W Chaney, Atk \$744.62 So 46' of Lot 2, & N 18' of lot 3, Bk 36, Kimble & Blair, Atkinson MINERAL DEED - Asa L Henson to D A Brodyke Sec 25-26-12, SEC 28 & SE 1/4 & E 1/2 SW 1/4 29-25-12. WD-Beryl Decker et al to Joseph F Gallagher, O'N \$16,800 - S 1/2 SE 1/4 & SW 1/4 3-28-10. WD - Nelda Brechler to Bernard O Kormock & wf, Page \$14,000 NE 1/4 15-28-9.

Monowi News

By Mrs. Mike Pihlapp LOCUST 9-2520

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis and Orval were guests in the Gerald Lee home. Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Sieler were business callers in Creighton Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zach and family were Saturday evening guests in the Rudy Eiler home. Mr. and Mrs. Stu Stringfellow were Friday evening supper guests in th Frank Heiser home. Mrs. Elvin Hrbek and children and Mrs. Rudy Eiler and Jack were business callers in Bristow Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Rihaneck were O'Neill visitors Wednesday. Elsie Pihlapp spent the weekend with relatives in Sioux City, Ia. Mrs. Elvin Hrbek and family and Mrs. Rudy Eiler and Jack visited in the Bob Zach home Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Pete Chvala was in Verdigr Tuesday. Trv the Frontier Want Ads.

Editorial

Too Much of a Good Thing

Is there any reason why high school basketball can't be played in a shorter schedule, with each team in the area playing one game instead of two games with each opponent?

We are gradually being forced to the conclusion that the hoop season lasts too long, and should be shortened to a schedule similar to that of football.

If a team has a good season and perhaps is undefeated during the greater part of the schedule, the pressure is terrific and interferes with school work. This is true also with the poor team which is having a bad season—the length of the schedule is unbearable and would try anyone's "sportsmanship."

Schools everywhere are plagued with the need to find a happy balance in the required amount of sports and the practical need of unhampered study hours. Tension caused by a "hot" game coming up brings about restlessness for the students during the day with the result that very little attention is paid to the studying. Teachers wishing to interest students in their studies have very little success when the young people are excited over the approaching game.

A normal season, such as the length of the football season, is healthy, desirable and an essential part of schooling. However, the present schedule, in our opinion is too much of a good thing.

What's wrong with reverting back to the good old fashioned type of physical training—calisthenics. Was there ever a prettier sight than that of white-clad students in presentation of perfectly-timed exercises—standing on the athletic field, arms outstretched, and then in tune to march music, a display of good body-building exercises.

Why couldn't the remainder of the school year, following a shortened basketball season, include an hour of physical training. It would be excellent for the car-riding students and would leave many evenings free for studying, family life or some other worthwhile activity.

Just a suggestion, but we feel it merits consideration by the state and district officials who decide the sports program for schools.

The Monkeys Have It Made

We see where the government is planning to spend \$1,201,925 to study the "affectional relationship of an infant monkey and his mother." This is part of a program dealing with monkeys which the government has supported since 1954.

Although we are a little skeptical of using our tax money for such a purpose, it is only logical that the situation in Washington would eventually come to this. Monkey business in Washington has been supported by tax dollars for many years. Krushev and Castro, et al, have made monkeys of us in our relationships with foreign countries, and our own government has succeeded in making a monkey out of every taxpayer in America. In our attempts to conquer outer space, our monkeys hold a 100 per cent advantage.

So, before we're too critical of spending a million bucks or so on the rhesus monkey let's consider maybe the next member of the monkey family to receive some recognition will be the genus homo.

MARKING DEVICES

Advertisement for marking devices including tags and plates, rubber stamps, and honor rolls. Text: THESE ITEMS SOLD AT THE FRONTIER Phone 788 O'Neill, Nebr. 114 N. Fourth St.

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