

Prairie Land Talk

"Money . . . Nice To Have"

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J. A. Donohoe was an O'Neill lad who took to law and court business as his life's work. On my rounds one day looking for news I went into J. A.'s office. He opened up that chat by telling me he loved money so worked the harder to make it. Then qualified his money loving statement by saying he liked the things that money would buy. And who doesn't — a sandwich, a cut of pie, a bed to sleep in, clothing to wear and a car to roll around in. Lawyer Donohoe made a trip at one time to Rome and then over to Jerusalem, stood there on a spot where our Lord had stood and as he stood there a strange feeling came over him that influenced his whole after life. He married an O'Neill girl, a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Lowrie, they making their home in O'Neill for some time until Jim was made a federal judge and moved to Omaha where he and Mrs. Donohoe lived until the death of J. A. a few years ago. The name lingers and I always get around to see Pat Donohoe across the street from The Frontier building. It was Jim Donohoe who put an end to court cases against the railroad when he told the jury in one such case that if it awarded damages to that Omaha chap, the Denver Anns, Cactus Kates and Rose Lip Charleys would be coming here to start action to recover damages from the railroad, thus piling up court and jury costs on the tax payers of Holt county.



Romaine Saunders

My good friends two miles to the north of my prairie land home in the lovely land west of Amelia now are holing up in O'Neill. After a lifetime down there in wonderland how do Mr. and Mrs. Howard Berry enjoy living in the crowded human haunts of Holt's county seat city.

A lovely bright April day; soon May flowers, the golden rod, prairie roses and the landscape robed in silken green.

Some twenty-two thousand of the forty thousand school teachers in the great city of New York left their blackboards and walked out on strike for more pay day receipts, got it and back again in the school rooms. In my pioneer kid days a school teacher got in one month about what some of them pull down today in one day. How much was Mary to get that January in 1888 who taught that country school a few miles out from O'Neill and who perished in the blizzard January 12. Oh, she was probably being paid 18 or 20 dollars a month. My good sister Eita taught in two or three country districts in Holt county and pulled down 22 dollars a month to help her brother and mother along life's way.

In the religious realms there is talk now of three prominent church groups uniting as one, the Methodists, Presbyterians and Baptists. Two of these have splendid church buildings in O'Neill where the devoted members of each meet from week to week. Will it be in the future that one Sunday they all worship in the Methodist church, the next Sunday all go over to Second and Everett streets to the Presbyterian sanctuary to bend the knee in worship?

Alice Coykendahl, Mrs. Cress, Mrs. Taylor, Agnes and Flo Bentley walk the streets of O'Neill now no more; my mother, your mother, the hardy womanhood that played their part in making a community we today revere and adore. Where are they today — dead! The One who will bring it to pass tells us: "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a Crown of Life."

Three doors west of the First National Bank on Douglas street Tom Morris and his father had a drug store in the '80s and early '90s. At the old skating rink, opera house and dance hall in the next block west on the south side of the street at times Tom was a picture to be seen with his lady partner waltzing around on the dance floor. Yes, Tom could dance as well as fill a doctor's medicine order. After the death of his father others took over that drug business, Tom going to Meadow Grove, married and ended his days there. Jess Mellor and one or two others went down from O'Neill to see Tom's lifeless form laid to rest. And today Mellor and those few friends that saw Tom laid away lay lifeless in the abodes of the dead up there to the northwest limits of the city. And as we have mentioned before, "The living know that they shall die but the dead know nothing".

A lovely letter comes to me from Neil Ryan, owner and promoter of the Ryan Hay and Live Stock business of O'Neill. Elkhorn Valley baled hay, prairie land cows and steers but I do not know if Neil has a herd of horses as does Peterson up at Atkinson. Mr. Ryan seems to have enjoyed learning that I was a homestead kid in the long ago out on the stretch of prairie he now owns five miles northeast of O'Neill. Maybe the next time I get up there away from crowded human abodes in Lincoln Neil will park at the steering wheel and tell me to get in so we can go out to where you were a homestead lad long before there was a third generation of Ryans. Neil sent me a pen and pencils for which I thank him and also for his good letter.

Mathews, the first editor and publisher of The Frontier, ended his days down in Arkansas. Three others, Riggs, King, Cronin, lived it out in Nebraska. Four others who were part of The Frontier are still up and on the go.

Editorial

Reading Time: 30 Seconds

We regret to report that progress is not our most important achievement — that is, when it's applied to our growing tax burden.

We've just been in touch with the Tax Foundation, which has come up with some fabulous figures, to wit:

Federal, state and local governments collected nearly \$55 billion in taxes in fiscal 1960, the government accounting year ending just before the Korean War.

In fiscal 1962 ending June 30, Tax Foundation estimates total tax collections will reach \$143 billion. On a per family basis, taxes have increased \$1,380 to a new high estimated at \$2,530 this year. Thought you'd like to clip this and send to your budget-minded (?) Representatives.

ALLISON, N. Y., ADVERTISER: "Charles Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, points out the Administration's proposed food and farm control bill would be a bad thing for everybody except bureaucrats. He says it would result in an increase in the cost of food to both consumers and taxpayers. Pointing to the fact American agriculture is already the most efficient in the world, Shuman states it will become far more efficient if farmers are allowed to adjust their operations to changes in technology and changes in consumer requirements."

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

I. N. Boggs has leased the Golden building north of the land office and will open a box ball alley and a pool and billiard parlor therein. James Coyle and daughter, Miss Mary, left for South Dakota last Monday where Miss Coyle will file upon a homestead, having been one of the winners in the land lottery last fall. Charles W. Cummings, Sturgis, S. D., and Miss Jeanette Thomas of this city were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's brother, J. J. Thomas, Thursday evening. Ground was broken for the new hotel last Monday morning.

25 YEARS AGO

About 46 people assembled at the J. K. Ernst home April 13 to help R. J. Hatch observe his 68th birthday. Joseph Patterson, 62, died at his home in Page Saturday after an illness of four days. Mrs. J. P. Mullen, one of Holt county's earliest pioneers, died at her home in Emmet Friday after an illness of several months. Miss Ila Anderson, who has been employed in the WPA office for the past two years, has been transferred to the Norfolk office and will be replaced by Miss Violet Fleming, Atkinson. Also Samto closed a deal last Tuesday for the purchase of the Harry Radaker home on Clay street. Mrs. Bob Britt entertained at a surprise party for her husband's birthday Monday evening.

10 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Robert Pease, 65, died unexpectedly from the effects of a heart attack April 20 at the home of her son, Ray, north of Atkinson. St. Mary's and O'Neill public earn 22 superior ratings in annual District Music Contest. Voters okay \$12,000 water bond issue. Miss Gayl Widfeldt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Wittfeldt, O'Neill, to present a graduation art exhibit at Briar Cliff college April 27. J. W. Brewster, Stuart, is elected vice president of Group III, Nebraska Bankers association. City's new fire truck arrives. One hundred men from Lynch and Bristol battle prairie fire in Beryl Moody community.

5 YEARS AGO

Theodore P. Lindberg, O'Neill, Gary W. Spence, Atkinson, and Leslie C. Sweet, Stuart, seniors, were recognized as top scholars at the University of Nebraska honors convocation Tuesday. Mrs. L. C. Walling dies unexpectedly April 22 while visiting in the home of her son, James, at Sioux City. General rainfall is boon to pasture. Charley W. Peterson, Atkinson rancher, files big damage suit alleging quarantine of cattle illegal. Full military rites for Harry S. Prouty, 78, at Spencer April 21. Cornerstone rites planned for Christ Lutheran church building Sunday.

The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO Word has been received from Long Beach, Calif., that Mr. J. C. McGowan has been seriously injured, being struck in the side by a passing locomotive. Stop at Jarman's and get a permit to smoke — Adv. Metz "Twenty-Two" Roadster, 1912 model completely equipped, \$495 at Grimes and Putnam — Adv. M. A. Englehaupt's team became frightened and broke loose from their hitching place, circling around in main street. They broke the wagon to pieces but did no further damages. Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Starr Monday night a bouncing baby girl. The members of the BYPU held a business meeting Tuesday evening at Ray Leinhart's.

25 YEARS AGO Senior play cast members April 30 will be Don Medcalf, Earlene Hatton, Lorine Walter, Evelyn Mitchell, Ethel Clemens, Don Mille, Stanley Kutscher, Thelma

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Cooper, Mildred, Elbert, Alice Miller and Bayne Grubb, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Myborn, Diller, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mildred, Glenrock, Wyo., formerly of Chambers, to Gordon D. Dick, also of Glenrock. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Green are the happy parents of a six and a half pound daughter, Beverly Ann, born April 26 — Fred Trebold and family Campbell, moved on the John Ritterbach place Monday. Ariene Grimes has purchased a beauty shop at

Meek News

By Mrs. Fred Lindberg

The Paddock Missionary society met at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Rouse Friday. The ladies are working on baby quilts and children's dresses for the foreign mission field. Next meeting to be May 18 at the Howard Rouse home.

The Rev. and Mrs. Turner were present at the Sun services at the Paddock Union church. The Sunday school children presented a short Easter program.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Harding and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Harding surprised Mrs. Axel Borg Monday night. The occasion marked Grace's birthday.

The Cactus Ranchette club met with Opal Miller Tuesday evening. Roll call was answered with "Why I chose the dress I am wearing". The lesson was given by Dorothy Sanders on "fall-out shelters". Next meeting to be May 15 with Mrs. John Hipke.

Mrs. Elmer Devall and Diane accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mitchell and Boyd to Sioux City Thursday.

Saturday callers at the Martha Johring home were Mrs. Howard Fox and Marlene, Carrie Hood, Mrs. Dave Jensen and Blake Benson.

Friday evening guests at the Henry Walters home were Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Johring and family.

Easter dinner guests at the Lawrence Johnson home were Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Bartsch and her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Meyer and son and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Storm, all of Royal.

Mrs. Austin Searies accompanied her parents to Norfolk Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Searies and girls were dinner guests at the Clarence Ernst home. Also there was Velda Ernst who at-

tends school at Lincoln and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Connell and family, Newport. Easter dinner guests at the Ed Kaczer home were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nelson, Paul Arden and Nancy Row. Easter dinner guests at the Loyal Hall home were Mr. and Mrs. Duane Booth and Levi Hull. Tuesday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Merritt, Terris, Cal and Arch Hull, Crookston, and Levi Hull. Emmet Haught and Mary Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Watson and Danny, Chambers, were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Henry Martin, O'Neill. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Krogh spent Sunday at the Chris Jensen home at St. Edwards. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Rosenkrans, Jerry and Christine Johnson, were Tuesday evening visitors at the Krogh home. Mrs. Gaylen Hull left Tuesday for Denison, Ia., where he plans to do construction work this summer. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Robertson left Saturday to spend Easter with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weiss and family, Kansas City, Mo. Carlen Hallgrimson, who is attending Evangelical college at Springfield, Mo., arrived Thursday to spend Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hallgrimson. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walters and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lindberg attended the adult class party Tuesday evening at the home of Christine Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. DeWayne Anson and girls were Easter dinner guests at the Oliver Anson home, Atkinson. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Leland Anson and family, Bristow, Mr. and Mrs. El Walnorfer and family, Stuart, and Mr. and Mrs. John Leffer and family, Louisville. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hubby were Friday night callers at the Deibert Rouse home. Mrs. Garold Risor called on Jessie Kaczor Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. George Nelson and family and Walt Egger were Thursday evening visitors at the DeWayne Anson home. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walters and Allen Walters were dinner guests Wednesday at the Bennie Johring home. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Rosenkrans and family were Sunday dinner guests at the Fred Lindberg home and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lindberg and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ehlers and boys, Lincoln were afternoon visitors. Easter dinner guests at the

Orchard News

Mrs. Lester Withee

Mrs. Harriet Jensen, Buena Park, Calif., who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Adah Clifton, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bartsch for dinner Saturday. In the afternoon they were joined by Mrs. Jack Drago and Mmes. Mabel Jones and Harold Jones and Harold Peirsof of Ne- ligh. These ladies were all school- mates at Royal several years ago. Gratitude Gribble, Mmes. Adah Clifton, Harriet Jensen, Millie Mahood and Lester Withee at- tended the annual spring concert presented by the Royal public school band, under the direction of Mr. Leonard H. Sawyer, Mon- day, April 16. Michael R. Voorhies, Orchard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Voorhies, was one of the seniors honored for superior scholarship at the University of Nebraska's 34th annual Honors Convocation held Tuesday morning. He earned this honor by ranking in the upper three per cent or having been on the honor roll each year since his freshman year. Robert A. Hill of Orchard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hill, was among the University freshmen who earned high scholarship by

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