

Prairieland Talk

"No Attraction Today"

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Most of them had been to church that morning. Now at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon the street was alive with the tread of feet. Here we go to the depot to meet the incoming train. Or was it to see the train of cars roll in or just to get out with Joe and Jack, Mae and Minnie and the rest of the town's young ladies and gents. The notable event of the week the gang down there at the railroad depot, and maybe some dear one who had long been away would step off that train, see you and come up to give you a kiss — not a kick. Yes, happy days now no more. A railroad depot has no attraction today.



Romaine Saunders

Windy days in mid May, then rain in our Capital City and region round about. Crop outlook then some better but harvest time will tell if we get the stuff to make bread out of from the fields or out of the grain bins here and there across Prairieland. Holt county will have baled hay and beef in abundance. Daughter writes that they are having early summer rains in southern California, heretofore not known.

First it was the Chambers Eagle a newspaper, then the Bugle, this succeeded by the Sun. Now none.

Paul ended his message to "son Timothy" by saying "I am now ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand". The great apostle was escorted from a Roman prison to the executioner's block, and his head cut off. Another worker for the Lord to come to a tragic end. But he assured us that a "crown of life awaited him on that great day", the day that marks the end of human history and human suffering.

There had been four grocery stores on Douglas street between 4th and 5th streets, four grocery stores in the block to the west between 3rd and 4th streets and four such marts of trade on south 4th street. Twelve that I count now no more. Schram Brothers and Pat Hagerty's two canned goods and butter and eggs for sale the first two, J. P. Gallagher's and Joe Horiskey's the last two to close up. And who about town today that may remember Mack and Grey, an early day group of two related gents with a grocery store near where the Western Hotel stands today.

State Senator Fern Hubbard Orme is a candidate again, the recent election to nominate state and county candidates for the November election gives our one-time Holt county girl, now a citizen of Lincoln about the best boost in votes of any candidate. Mrs. Orme is the only woman in the state serving as state senator, has done a good job of it and should and no doubt will be reelected.

In the early 1890's James Triggs was our town's dude, dressed up, shoes polished and hat well set on his empty head. Jim had two brothers and his father and mother, the family home being the first house east of the lumber yard on South First street. Jimmy had been one of the firemen who fought the fire which destroyed Chicago. He was the last of the family here in O'Neill and as I saw him a day in 1930 the dude duds were gone and Jim was a pitiful sight. Now he is no more.

A calm bright day in the month of May as I park for a moment at my typewriter and say good morning to Prairieland friends. We will make out and be on our peaceful way another day.

The days, months and years come and go. Now another Memorial Day, a time to once more stand by the grave of that dear one and place there above that lifeless form one more flower in token of our love and esteem of the one who once lived and walked by our side. And some day the hand of a living and devoted dear one will do that for you and I. Since this event of a year ago the lifeless forms of a few we had known have been laid to rest up there in the abode of the dead of the O'Neill community. But it is coming, that long and dreaded roll call when all shall live again, some to life immortal, some to die again to live no more. Make your choice today.

Books, newspapers, magazines and various advertising sheets, our country has many of them. This all makes work for printers. And I recall over twenty printers that did their stuff at the type cases in the good little town of O'Neill, now a sizable Prairieland city with another group of printers.

A lovely letter comes to Prairieland Talker as this is about ready to mail from Mr. and Mrs. Sengelmann in Seattle. Now living in that great city of the northwest they cherish memories of their life in O'Neill. The World's Fair is now on out there and they write me a beautiful word picture of it all and it with their good letter will be shared with Prairieland readers next week.

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

Elkhorn Valley Irrigation company will hold a closing out sale May 22 with 1052 head of cattle offered. The ladies who have charge of gathering flowers for Decoration Day request that all persons who have flowers, either wild or tame, that they wish to donate should notify Mrs. J. H. Meredith. Arthur Cowperthwaite has commenced the erection of a cottage on the corner of Franklin and Sixth streets. David Deming and Mildred E. Little, both of Stuart, were united in marriage by County Judge Carlton Wednesday. Mr. Booth of Stuart is busy grading some of the city's streets.

25 YEARS AGO

Miss Elja McCullough, Ewing, is named as county superintendent to fill vacancy left by resignation of Clarence J. McClurg. O'Neill high school takes fourth place at Wayne track-field meet. Seventeen seniors will graduate this week from St. Mary's academy. Wallace R. Johnson has been a subscriber of The Frontier for over 55 years. Forty-four seniors to graduate this week at O'Neill high school. Dedication ceremonies for the new courthouse will be held June 16. Rain in Holt county this week totals 1.42 inches of water.

10 YEARS AGO

Miss Shirley Leahy was elected queen of May by the St. Mary's academy high school student body. Mrs. Albert Frost, 62, succumbs to heart attack, May 17 at her Atkinson home. Thirty enroll for municipal band school. Patrolman Robert Gude, Nebraska City, has been assigned to the O'Neill territory. Immanuel Lutheran church at Spencer will celebrate its golden jubilee May 25. Clarence Johnson is named valedictorian and Paul Fetrow, salutatorian at O'Neill high school commencement rite. Ray Angus farm home near Ewing completely destroyed by fire. Bernadette Hynes chosen "Miss Task Force at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.

5 YEARS AGO

Rosetta Rotherham is valedictorian and Virginia McDonald, salutatorian, at Ewing high school. James Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Johnson, was awarded runner-up title as the best actor of the year at Kansas State college. Robert Clifford, Atkinson, Ed Trennepohl, Ewing, and Mark Gribble, O'Neill, make Iowa, Illinois tour of feed lots. Bartley Brennan, 44, died May 28 after illness of more than a year. Raymond D. McNair, Ambrose J. Howard and Harold E. Seger enlist for service. Earl Allen, Boyd county homesteader, dies May 25 at his home in Spencer.

The Homestead Association at Sheridan will give a number of dances during the summer season at the Sheridan Picnic Grounds.

25 YEARS AGO

Frank M. Sageser, 89, died at his home Tuesday afternoon. A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the R. A. Ballagh home May 15 when Gaia Reed became the bride of Robert E. Lee of Lincoln. Harold Michel and family moved to Ainsworth Monday as he has work in a barber shop there. Larry Tange-man attended school in District 120 for the entire year without being either absent or tardy. Celesta Gleed was elected president of the Happy Helpers club. Charlotte Crandall, Chambers, played in a commencement play at Wayne State Teachers college May 26.

Celia News

Mrs. Merrill Anderson

The Celia Homemakers met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Inez Hayes in Atkinson. Mrs. Hans Lauridsen was co-hostess. Eight members answered roll call with a "Favorite Memory of My Mother." Mrs. Victor Frickel gave the lesson, "good egg." Mrs. Merrill Smith, club treasurer, reported the amount of \$80.14 was made at the bazaar and food sale held Saturday, May 19. The members of our club wish to thank those who helped to make the event a success. A shut-in was chosen. The club will hold their final meeting of the summer June 27 at the home of Mrs. Frank Kilmurry.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hendricks were supper guests Thursday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Omer Poyns at Stuart. Mr. and Mrs. Connie Frickel went to Grand Island Thursday to meet Elva's sister, Mrs. John Sutherland and son, John Mark, Nampa, Idaho. They will spend some time visiting relatives here. Dr. Sutherland, who is teaching in a college at Nampa, will join his family after school is out. Ed Hoffman and grandsons, Gary and Roger Hoffman, went to Morrissett, S. D., Wednesday morning to visit Ed's brother, Henry Hoffman and family and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Hoffman visited at the Duane Beck home Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Natchel Rzeszowski were hosts to the Celia Pinoche club at their home Friday evening. Winners were Mrs. Frank Kilmurry, Duane Beck, Mrs. Duane Beck and Frank Kilmurry. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kilmurry, Mr. and Mrs. James Sicheneder and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Beck and family, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Hoffman and sons, Roger and Gary, Mr. and Mrs. John Schmidt and Vanita and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Addison and family. The Rev. and Mrs. Elmore Blain and sons, Ronald and Donald and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hendricks and family were Tuesday evening supper guests at the Ivan Wayman home near O'Neill.

Beverly Meyer, Wayne, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Meyer. Mrs. Omer Poyns, Stuart, spent Monday at the Robert Hendricks home.

Thursday was "clean-up" day at the Wesleyan Methodist church in Atkinson, sponsored by the WMS Missionary Society. Assisting with the work were Mmes. Mark Hendricks, Adam Tindall, Ruth Chaffin, Elmore Blain, Richard Klinger, Robert Slaymaker, Lawrence Thurlow, Robert Lewis, David Rahn, Robert Hendricks, Raymond Dobias, Leonard Goldfuss, Frances, Edith and Linda

Chaffin. Some members of the group worked on the chorus books which is a project underway by the missionary society. Several of the menfolk spent the day trimming and cutting trees on the church premises and cleaning out clogged drain pipes.

Thursday overnight guests of the Leonard Chaffin family were Mr. and Mrs. Irl Hoffman, Reece, Kan., and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoffman and daughters, Des Moines, Ia. They were all present for the wedding of Frances Chaffin and Bruce Hoffman.

O'Neill Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Reinke and daughters, Orchard, were dinner guests Sunday, May 20, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon White.

Mr. and Mrs. K. L. VanVoorhis went to Scottsbluff for the Memorial Day holiday and then on to Edgemont, S. D., where they visited Mr. VanVoorhis' father, R. B. VanVoorhis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thorin and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tennis spent from Thursday to Monday in Minnesota on a fishing trip.

Larry Dawes, Fairbury, has been visiting in the Grant Peacock home. He will be employed by the State Department during the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Urban and Harlan visited Sunday evening in the Clyde Streeter home. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Urban were Monday callers in the Streeter home. Mr. and Mrs. Grant Peacock

and family were in Newport Sunday for Memorial services.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lowery, Oakdale, visited in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Peacock and family, Memorial Day.

John Kurtz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kurtz, will leave for Chadron June 1 where he will be manager of the swimming pool in Chadron State Park.

Guests in the Bessie Burge home May 16 to 22 were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ward, Siloam Springs, Ark., and Mrs. Grace Brittel, Southwest City, Mo. Mrs. Ward is a cousin of Mrs. Burge and Mrs. Brittel is her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward left for the West coast May 22 and will visit relatives and friends along the way. Later they plan to attend the Worlds Fair. Mrs. Brittel stayed for a longer visit.

Mrs. Homer Krebs, Denver, Colo., arrived Saturday to visit in the homes of Rosa Bowers and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Woldneck and family. Mrs. Krebs will stay for two weeks.

Jack Gatz, North Platte, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gatz, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. William Riley and family, Fairbury, arrived Saturday to visit in the home of her mother, Mrs. Birmingham. William returned home Sunday and his wife and daughter stayed for a longer visit.

Sunday guests in the Bessie Burge home were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Burge, Robert and Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Burge and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Burge and Mr. and Mrs. Hughie Carr and Sharon.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Grenier spent two days last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Don Fritz and family, Randolph. Cecil sheared their sheep while he was there.

Mrs. Olive Heere left Thursday to spend several weeks with her son, James and family, Beatrice.

Mrs. Elma Evans went to Geneva to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Price and family last week. She returned home Sunday. Wayne Price came home with her for a visit.

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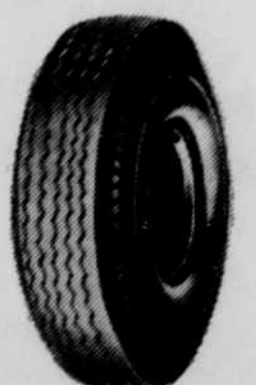
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Editorial

King-Anderson Bill--Misleading

More of the vicious techniques employed by the Kennedy administration to cram down the throats of the American public the deceptively dangerous King-Anderson bill came to light this week.

Last Monday night the American Medical association bought a half-hour on one television network to combat the King-Anderson fallacy after the administration was given free time on five networks to sell the plan.

In our mail the next day came a pamphlet selling the plan for medical care for the aged — President Kennedy's "program for health insurance through social security".

An attractively printed two-color job, it purport to show "us" how "we" need the bill, how poor "we" are, how "we" need the bill to save "us" the disaster and shame of reaching 65 years of age without having money in the bank for medical care.

We quote the personal pronouns to indicate that the words are theirs—but the gutless authors of the pamphlet did not have the courage to sign it. It was completely anonymous.

Many persons will unthinkingly accept this booklet for an official explanation of the Kennedy program. It has an authentic look, as well as a Washington, D. C. return that lists only a postal permit number.

We feel certain that it was designed to do just that — delude some unthinking person into accepting the booklet as an official publication of the government.

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The Long Ago

At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO

The Band Boys expect to have their military play ready to put on the evening of May 30. There will be memorial services in the Hall Sunday morning at 11 o'clock instead of the regular services in the churches. Ben Wood has just purchased a new Liberty Brush and is keeping the road warm west of town learning how to make it go. Hector Dickson of Francis, died Monday morning after an illness of several weeks. The farmers are behind in their spring work, caused by the cold spring weather. C. H. Stowell, present postmaster of Francis resigned, after twenty-nine years service continuously without an intermission.

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