

Prairie Land Talk

"A Trip To The Fair"

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Mr. Romaine Saunders
Dear Friend:

That was such a nice letter from your friend in Shawnee, Wyo. Thanks for sharing it with your readers.

We noticed in your May 10 Prairie Land Talk what you said about Mr. Campbell, so am writing to tell you that I was just now talking to him. He sends you this message — He is feeling better now, but Mrs. Campbell is not well. He has not written to anyone lately, but will write to you soon and will explain.

We had company from Iowa yesterday, who came to see the World's Fair. We have relatives coming from Amarillo, Tex. and also from California so we will have a busy summer.

Thought perhaps you might like to hear about the fair from one who lives in Seattle, so will give you a brief description.

Seattle's World's Fair is rich in adventures for everyone. It is truly a "look into the future" and inspiring to the mind. The federal government's science and space exhibits which dominate all else, are simply overwhelming for those who are science-minded. For those seeking only thrills and entertainment, there is glamour and tinsel galore on the Gayway.

There are all kinds of adventures in eating, several international restaurants and in the food building itself there are some 65 different eating places. There is also the space-needle restaurant, 500 feet high. There are seemingly endless things to see, 59 countries have exhibits here, besides the best from our country.

This is a "thinking man's" World's Fair, here are presented the newest developments, showing the expected in the near future and a long-term outlook.

Take a ride on the monorail from the downtown heart of Seattle to the fair. The four-car trains glide

on rubber tires over their single "concrete rail" noiselessly, effortlessly, and swiftly. Here is a thrill for all, and certainly seems like the transit of the future.

For those who want night-life entertainment the fair is open till 1 p.m. — the Gayway by night is brighter, noisier, full of thrills and pungent with its mingled aromas. Everywhere the grounds are filled with futuristic buildings of colorful geometric designs.

Visible from almost every spot in the fair is the tall white cross which crowns the Christian Pavilion near the fair's center. This building cost \$175,000.

For the foot-weary there are colorful electrocabs to transport them around the grounds.

Step into a glass elevator and whiz 500 feet above Seattle, then enter a quiet, subdued, paneled restaurant, seat yourself beside the window, notice that you are moving. The whole restaurant is slowly revolving, while you enjoy the incomparable panorama of this northwest setting of water, mountains, tall conifer trees, and beautiful cloud effects.

The tall white cross, in view from all parts of the grounds, is a reminder to all, that civilization devoted wholly to things material cannot save man; that to serve its highest purpose science, or the acquired knowledge of man, must be directed by spiritual wisdom, toward a good and useful purpose.

New York's Governor Nelson Rockefeller said after seeing the fair, that this exposition helps the nation to renew our faith and confidence in the future.

Mr. Saunders, your "Prairie Land Talk" remains our "top reading". We always find it interesting, and you bring to mind such happy memories of warm-hearted people and O'Neill.

Best wishes to you and yours.
From your Seattle Friends,
Mr. and Mrs. Segelman

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

From reports reaching this city from farmers there will be a big crop of prairie chickens this fall. . . People drove for many miles in automobiles to see the Gollmar Bros. circus Tuesday although it was wet and cold that day. . . Charles Daly has purchased the residence of E. R. Adams in the eastern part of the city. . . After thirty years of waiting O'Neill is at last to have an up-to-date hotel that will be a credit to the enterprising business men who made the erection of the

building possible. Dr. Pettibone has opened his office in the office of Dr. J. P. Gilligan.

25 YEARS AGO

One hundred and ten attended St. Mary's 15th annual Alumni Banquet held Sunday evening in St. Mary's gymnasium. . . Mrs. Catherine Matthews, 78, dies at a Norfolk hospital after an illness of four weeks. . . Hail accompanying rain last Thursday night damaged crops and gardens. Creeks are swollen and bridges have been washed out. . . Farmers in the country are reporting heavy losses this year by cutworms. . . Patrick O'Connor gave a big dinner for the members of the O'Neill Fire department at the fire hall Monday evening in appreciation to the members who saved the Armour, his barn was near by.

10 YEARS AGO

Miss Joann Burgess, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Burgess, will graduate from the Univer-

sity of Colorado, June 7. . . Seven from O'Neill area graduated from the University of Nebraska, June 2. . . Grand opening of the O'Neill Drive-In theatre, Thursday, June 5. . . The O'Neill Municipal band is scheduled to play its first concert of the summer season Saturday evening at the bandstand.

5 YEARS AGO

C. E. Jones was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce at the June session held at Slat's Supper club. . . Mrs. Woodrow Meiena presented 18 groups of dancers Tuesday evening. . . A "brides bazaar" was held at the Fellowship hall in the First Presbyterian church. . . Carnival in O'Neill. Grounds east of the Legion club for five big days. . . Esther Kaiser and Warren R. Seger were married June 2 in First Methodist church. . . S.M.A. nan, Sister M. Laurissa, has been in Rome, Italy, since last August. Her stay will be indefinite.

The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO

H. B. Dixon died May 19 at 10 p.m. after an illness of some months from a complication of diseases caused by his advanced age, he being seventy years and some months old. . . R. Z. Polard of Erina lost a horse recently, being struck by lightning. . . Fred Robertson has established an insurance office in Chambers and will do a general insurance business. . . Dr. and Mrs. Colman left Saturday night for an extended tour through Texas, California, Oregon and Dr. William Gill of Lincoln is supplying Dr. Colman's place during his absence. . . A number of people from here

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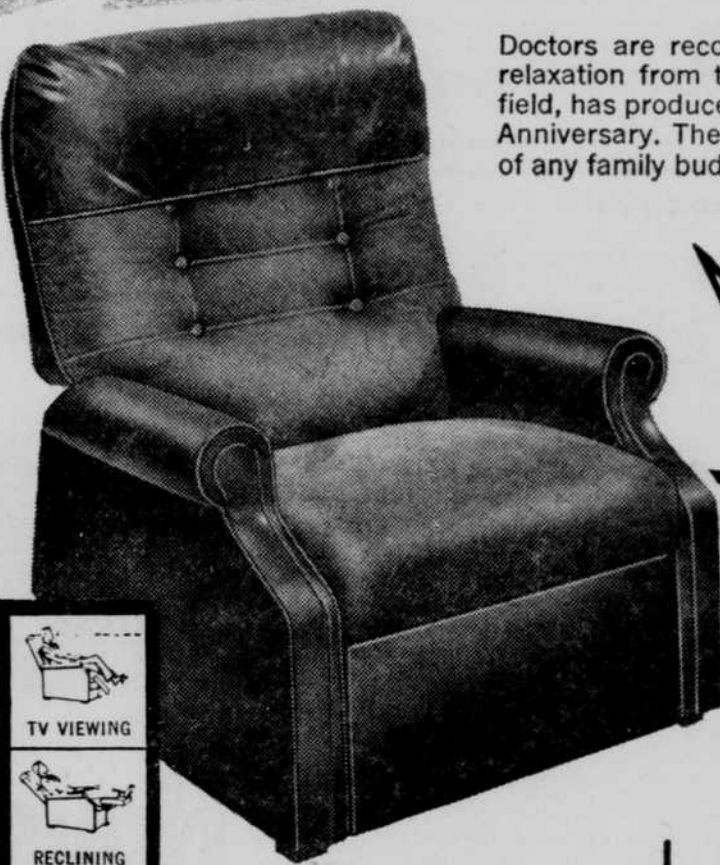
Mother-Daughter banquet was held at the Methodist church Friday evening. There were 80 mothers and daughters present. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Walter and Mrs. W. R. Carter motored to Wayne last Thursday morning to bring home their daughters, LaVerna and Mildred, who attended college there the past year. Everett Minor is assisting with the work in Harley Bros. blacksmith shop this week. . . Big trades day free show June 5 at 2:30 on main street. . . Keller Aid was held at the home of Mrs. Ray Hoffman last Thursday. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ernest Farrier June 3.

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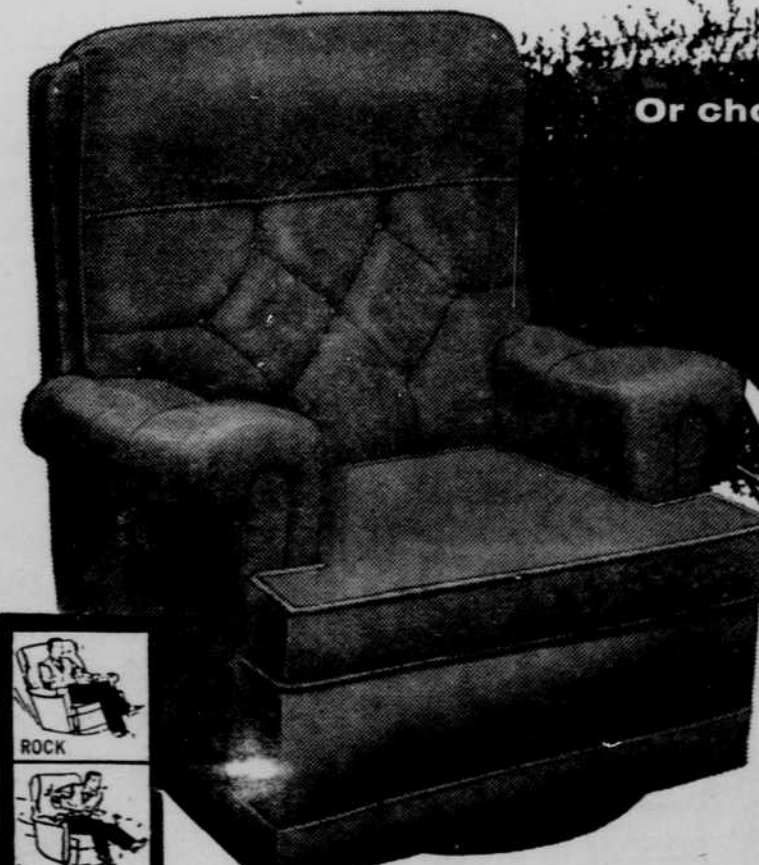
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Editorial

Flunking Our ABC's?

The day was done, the presses stilled, the debits and credits were in balance, the taxes withheld and each of us had grocery and rent money to take home. It was a moment of satisfaction and there was the easy chair and the Saturday Evening Post with one of our favorite guys, Luther Hodges, "Speaking Out" on economic ABC's. A timely subject and one that we thought we could understand and appreciate.

Well, the first paragraph was a jolt to our satisfaction. It contained this charge, "If ignorance paid dividends most Americans could make a fortune out of what they don't know about economics."

More complaints followed. "America may be the greatest industrial power on earth but for all most of us know, our greatness might depend on growing breadfruit trees." Ignorance of basic economics was the cause of the failure of 16,000 businesses in the United States during the past year. Only one-fourth of us realize that the surest way to raise the standard of living is to produce more goods per man hour. Few of us have an intelligent opinion on even the purchase of a new car.

How can we ever choose a course so that the United States can grow and prosper as most of our people are, to put it bluntly, economic boobies?

Pretty rough! But it's all there in the March 10 Post for us to see.

After reading it we suddenly felt tired and inefficient but we mulled these charges over—one by one—before we took three aspirins and crawled into bed.

First—what we don't know about economics. Well, all I can say is that our management in our own small business produces a sizeable hunk of money to be turned over to those who are reported to understand our economy—namely the government.

True, we are often frightened and baffled by their arguments about what should be done with all this wealth and in many cases by what they decide to use it for, in the best interests of the United States of course.

As for our production of food, we wouldn't care if it were breadfruit trees or manna if only it could be distributed intelligently to feed the world's hungry.

If we don't know why, at least we know that we are producing more and more goods per man

hour—almost to the saturation point—or so it seems. We even go so far as to help by buying all this output we possibly can—everything from back yard grills to electric toothbrushes.

The toothbrushes may shock us, but no more than the arguments between the real economic experts about exports, imports, tariffs and whether or not it would be wise for us to join the common market. These experts have access to the financial facts and it is disturbing to us to witness such a lack of ability to evaluate them.

Mr. Hodges, himself, an able and dedicated man, runs into educated opposition on this package deal of the common market. We just wonder if he and John Gailbraith are in agreement on our need to join this.

It would indeed be a comfort to know that these two far-sighted altruists were in economic accord. About the failure of 16,000 business ventures during the last year—wonder if inexperience was entirely at fault? There is one other built in item that makes it nip and tuck—an expense called taxes—and you'd better report or else.

Then comes the part about not even knowing how to buy a car. Well, we know how we'd like to do it—pull out the checkbook, pay for it and drive off. But if our standard of living depends on producing more and more goods per man hour, the least we can do is to buy the goods—on installments.

Finally it is suggested that all of us take a course in elementary economics, but we're sure it's too late for that. We'll just have to play it by ear and hope that the tune comes out "Happy Days Are Here Again".

BELLE CHASSE, LA., PLAQUEMINES GAZETTE: "A shocking expose of political corruption in the \$41 billion federal interstate highway program has been revealed by the House subcommittee that reaches across the nation. . . The federal government has been so eager to usurp power, wanting to do everything for everybody, paying for it with our money, that it has grown to a gargantuan size and as a result has broken down. This breakdown is an economic evil, since it is we, the taxpayer, who must foot the bill for the political graft."

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