

Prairie Talk

# "Story Of Times Gone By"

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My friend, Will H. Spindler, up west of O'Neill several steps tells me his latest little book, "Yesterday's Trails", is in the hands of many public officials of South Dakota, the public libraries and schools. As his story of times that are gone pictures life as it was in the Indian country of south western South Dakota it will be of interest to those living today in that historic region rather than to those of Prairie-land and Elkhorn valley country. Maybe some day the gifted Will H. Spindler will come home again to Holt county and with his charming wife call O'Neill their home, so go out a bright summer day to look upon the scenes of Will's kid days in the beautiful land of northwest Holt county.

Our Capital City has a few young devils. A group of these have been hauled up for their dirty work, going along with hammers in hand smashing automobiles parked along the street.

Much rain these August days in the Lincoln community. Gardens, farm crops and all outdoors lovely. Men, women and kids up and on the go.

Again I have seen friends of other days, clasped their hands and visited with them. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hancock came to see me while in Lincoln recently. They had been in O'Neill and vicinity visiting their son and daughter and hobnobbing with friends. Claude was for some years connected with the O'Neill National Bank and their son is county treasurer of Holt county. Their home now is in Los Angeles, Calif.

The machine age. A machine has replaced human hands to milk a cow. Maybe that accounts for the high price of milk these days. Seventy years ago Milk Man Weisgarber went from home to home in O'Neill with his big can of milk in his one horse outfit peddling fresh sweet milk for 5 cents a quart and a little more for good measure. Five times that now for a little bottle of milk. The milk man that comes to the door today has in his collection of cow juice what he calls "half and half", said to be half milk and half cream but is no better than the whole milk Milk Man Weisgarber brought to us each day.

Editorial

## The End Is Not Yet

The Administration's medicare bill, providing medical benefits to all persons drawing Social Security payments, was the most bitterly debated and fought measure of this year. Supporters and opponents used every weapon at their command in efforts to get their way.

A temporary decision came on July 17 when the Senate voted the bill down. An idea of the importance of the occasion is found in the fact that this was the first time since February that all 100 senators were present.

"Temporary" is the correct word. For the end is not yet. The President has made it clear that the whole weight of his office will be used in an attempt to obtain a favorable decision next year. He will, as we editorialized earlier this year, place his prestige on the line.

It is hoped that the bill's opponents are equally determined and aggressive. For the arguments against it, even in the amended form the Administration at length approved, are powerful. Independ-

The Gibbons family that lived in the 1880's a few doors below the post office on South Fourth street had a plot of ground in the block to the west just south of where the Presbyterian church that they proposed to keep always as part of their bit of General O'Neill's colony. But today that block from Third to Second streets has all been taken over by modern home builders. Gibbons — gone and forgotten.

The three-story hotel building that stood two blocks south of O'Neill's main drag in the 1880's is no more as may be said of other places of business and pleasure in that block, but one still survives, the old hotel building that was there first of all. But Rosco Conklin and Lena, one time sweethearts are there no more.

What is love? If you would know thy mind must teach alone—Two souls with a single thought, two hearts that throbs as one.

We have it direct from President Kennedy, no let up on federal taxes. Taxes, ever have been, ever will be. Public demands cost money. Walk up and pay your taxes . . . A few farmers have begun it, disposed of their costly power machinery and farm again with horses. A horse will eat an ear of corn and give the farmer a bushel of it for that one ear . . . He is out in far distant space, on another world or in the bottom of the ocean, that Russian reported from their native land . . . Mid August and the biggest and best crop of string beans ever gathered out of Prairieland gardens.

W. D. Matthews left his native home town in southern Wisconsin, came to O'Neill and founded its leading newspaper The Frontier. Ended his day in a southern state but cherished his memory of life on Prairieland. The word we had from him in 1931 down there in Arkansas was a note of praise for it all up here, closing with "Ah me, those good old days"

Doctors have done much in times past to help not only the sick but those in need of food. Dr. Conley was one such an early day medical man in O'Neill. Not so capable a physician, but what he lacked in medicine knowledge he made up in kindly helpfulness to those he learned of in need. The doctor's home in O'Neill was two blocks west of where the post office now stands and where he died in '86 or '87.

dent authorities say the Administration estimates of the cost — something over a billion a year at the start — are far too low. Even so, the benefits offered are generally inferior to those provided by private health insurance, which legions of elderly people possess. Worst of all, the bill is not based on need. It simply takes an arbitrarily selected group and provides benefits whether those concerned need them or want them.

Certainly the approach taken by the Kerr-Mills bill, voted last year and now in effect, is an infinitely preferable one. It is solidly based on need and it places administrative authority where it belongs — at the local level. If, as some argue, it is inadequate, that fault can be corrected by amendment without destroying its underlying philosophy.

The medicare scheme, with its shotgun approach, would create greater and more difficult problems than those it is supposed to solve — not the least of these being the precedent it would establish of widespread Federal control over medical practice and services.

# Frontiers Ago

**50 YEARS AGO**  
Concert at the K. C. hall, Miss Rose Fallon, Chicago-Philadelphia grand opera company. . . Rev. D. J. Malone preached at the Methodist Church in Inman last Sunday in the absence of Rev. Neiman. . . Mrs. George Klintobe and daughter, Bernice, were Inman visitors this week. . . A good size delegation of O'Neill people went down to Ne-lich this morning to attend the races in that city. . . Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hancock are rejoicing over the arrival of a daughter who arrived and took up her residence for at least the next six-teen or seventeen years at their home last Saturday.

**25 YEARS AGO**  
Dr. L. A. Burgess was elected as a member of the board of education Monday evening, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of L. E. Downey. . . In-ense heat has been the record

for the past week. . . Public school to begin fall term Monday, Sept. 6th. . . 4-H Achievement day here Saturday. Thirty-nine 4-H clubs will be present. . . Mrs. Thomas Greene entertained at a watermelon party at her home Tuesday evening in honor of her niece, Mary Catherine Regan.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
Dance, August 23, music by the Aces of Rhythm Orchestra. . . Pool enthusiasts hold another meeting. . . Marriage license was issued to John Robert Berigan and Miss Nancy Catherine Froelich, August 15. They were married August 16 in St. Patrick's church, O'Neill. . . Future Subscriber, Dr. and Mrs. G. R. Cook, a daughter weighing 7 1/2 pounds, born August 18. . . Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Mace, jr., were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Sparks.

**5 YEARS AGO**  
Workmen this week hoisted the steeple for the new Christ Lutheran church building. . . Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Krugman spent Sunday at Fort Randall, S. D. . . Stinker Day, sales open Friday morning and continue until all merchandise is gone. . . Marriage licenses were issued to Ronald Lane McClellan, O'Neill and Marybelle O'Conner, O'Neill, August 16. They were married August 17. . . Future subscriber, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Havranek, a son, Jerold Edward, weighing 6 pounds 12 ounces, born August 16.

# The Long Ago At Chambers

**50 YEARS AGO**  
Miss Ethel Bernard gave a party to a number of her little friends last Saturday it being the occasion of her fifth birthday. . . Roller Skating and Band Concert in the Band Hall, Saturday night . . . A large number of Chambers people are attending the O'Neill Race Meet this week. . . Gail Porter is helping Mrs. Baker attend central this week.

**25 YEARS AGO**  
Jack Kellar is again clerking in the Smith & Smith store. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schipman on Monday, August 23, a fine 10 pound son. . . Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Glead and daughters, motored to Grand Island, Sunday.

# Ewing News

By Mrs. Harold Harris  
The Rev. Paul Andrea is the new minister for the Riverside Free Methodist church near Ewing. He will make his home with his family at Amelia where he

will serve the church there. They are expected to arrive Monday. Rev. Ernest Chambers, who has been in charge of the two churches plans to move to Alma, with his family, where he will also have charge of the church. Mrs. Edna Loquest accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Browning, Madison, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miller, Ewing, went to Creighton Thursday, August 9, where they attended the funeral of a relative, Mr. Fred Forsberg.

Bonnie Welke, 17, showed the grand champion cow at the Holt County Fair at Chambers last week. The Hereford cow, Boso, has won many high honors before at fairs. She was entered in the open class competition. This is the fourth year, Miss Welke, has had a champion breeding heifer in 1959, champion and reserve champion breeding heifers in 1960 and this year the champion cow. Bonnie is a member of the Happy Hollow 4-H club. Her brother, Milan Welke is a leader of this club. Bonnie will be a senior this fall in the Ewing high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tomjack and children went to Goose Lake Sunday where they met her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Merwin Murray and family, Oakdale, for a picnic dinner and an afternoon of water sports. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Doud had as their guests from Tuesday to Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hoff-

man, Steven and George Coxes, North Platte. They also visited at the Clarence Latzel and Edna Loquest homes. Overnight guests Thursday at the home of Mrs. Ed Hoffman and two sons, North Platte. Mrs. Fern Pollock and Mrs. Edna Loquest attended the Wesleyan Methodist Camp Wednesday evening and all day Sunday at Atkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Butler, who accompanied Mr. and Mrs. E. D. McDonald and family, Norfolk, on a vacation trip through the Black Hills, returned home Friday. New officers for the Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian church were elected during the meeting Thursday afternoon at the annex of the church. Elected were Mrs. Wayne Shrader, president; Mrs. Archie Johnston, vice-president; Mrs. Ralph Shrader, alternate; Mrs. Lynn Fry, chairman for the thank offering. The meeting opened with a devotional period conducted by Mrs. Archie Johnston. Mrs. Richard Napier led the prayer circle. Members were requested to turn in all clothing donations to be sent to Alaska by September 1. Refreshment hostesses were Mrs. Z. H. Fry, Mrs. Dale Napier and Mrs. Richard Napier.

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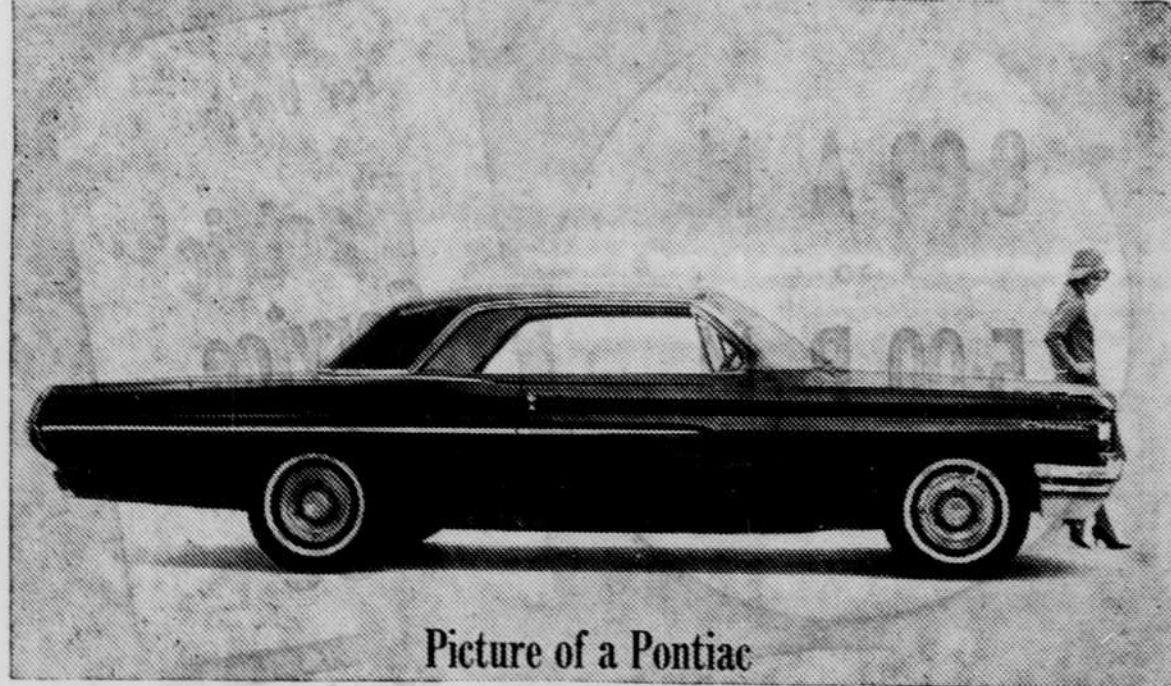
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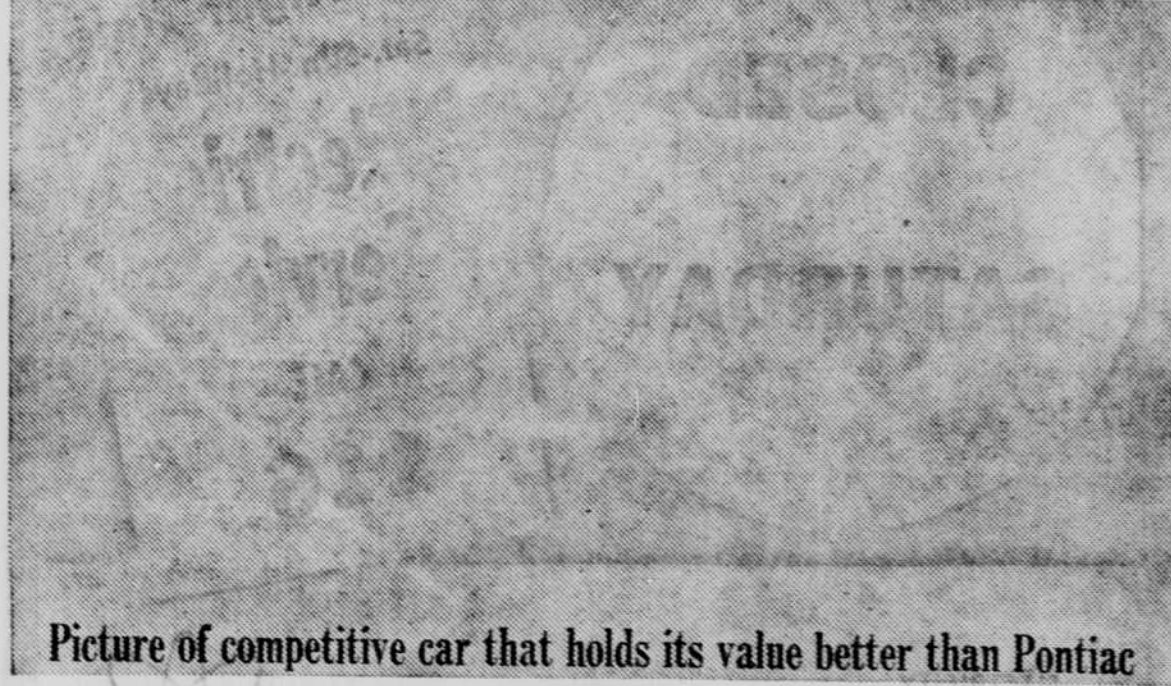
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