

Prairieland Talk

# "Search for Beauty"

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SEARCH FOR BEAUTY

I looked for beauty in the mountains,  
And lo, I found it there.  
I looked for beauty at the seashore,  
In the green wave's seafoam hair.

I looked for beauty in a flower,  
With perfume sweet and rare.  
I found it in a child's sweet face,  
I heard it in a mother's prayer.

I looked for beauty in the heavens,  
With stars by night, by day the sun.  
I found on hill, in vale and plain,  
The wondrous works that God has done.

And still I searched the whole world o'er,  
From highest hill to distant shore,  
Searching for something I had not seen,  
In blazing sunset or landscape green.

Until at last in humble hut,  
I found a mother, old and grey,  
Her body bent with pain and age,  
Who smilingly went on her way,  
The light of love shown from her face,  
Revealing there a lovely soul.

Lola Olson McIntyre is the author of that beautiful bit of verse. Lola was born in O'Neill around sixty years ago, the daughter of my sister, Etta. Etta graduated from the O'Neill high school and for a time she taught school in districts here in Holt County. Then she went to Sioux City, was there for a time, then married John Olson. They came then to O'Neill and made their home here for some time in the old town. And many years ago left here and went to Idaho where they lived their lives. Now John and Etta both are laid away in the abode of the dead. Their daughter, Lola, gives us this beautiful bit of verse.

In the 1880's we travelled on foot, on horseback, or in a wagon. My aging grandfather and I were in a wagon coming in from the northeast of O'Neill and grandfather observed a few houses and remarked "Someday it will be a good sized city". Grandfather was born in the year 1804 in Pennsylvania and passed to his rest on earth in O'Neill in 1891. His remains lie there on the hill awaiting the call to come forth to life immortal and grandfather should be one who is ready for that call.

Editorial

## Growing Vocational Education

(Lincoln State Journal)

If the flurry of interest in additional training schools over the state is any indication, this session of the Nebraska Legislature will give much more consideration to vocational education than its predecessors have.

Grand Island and Sidney both plan legislation for a second school like the state-supported Vocational Technical School at Milford. Other towns have expressed an interest in a school of this kind. Some thought has been given to using the facilities of the University of Nebraska School of Agriculture at Curtis for this purpose.

Now Sen. Terry Carpenter proposes that the state establish trade school classes at the four junior colleges over the state.

Before the senators get completely engrossed in the idea of additional state trade schools, however, they should be prepared to make the necessary expenditures to get full value from the one they now have at Milford.

Physical facilities in existence or authorized at Milford will accommodate 750 students. But at least 22 additional instructors will be needed to handle this work load. The first legislative consideration will be to make funds available for maximum use of this school.

Once this is assured, the legislators very well should think in terms of more vocational training for high school graduates who do not go on to college. But the location and pattern of operation of subsequent schools of this type will require a great deal of study.

Certainly they must be located to serve the most students possible. There might be value in assigning different specialties to different schools to avoid having duplicating courses at each.

And perhaps the state would serve vocational education well by investing some money in post-high school courses of this nature now provided by some local school districts.

Carpenter's idea of mixing vocational schools with junior colleges raises a number of questions. For instance, is it a good idea to try to integrate academic schooling with vocational training? Would this plan not make it essential that the junior colleges come under state control and financing—a plan that has merit but has been spurned by the legislators in the past?

Would it be any less expensive to build the necessary buildings and housing facilities at the junior colleges than at some other locations that might be better suited geographically to the state's needs?

The legislators will have to plot the future course of the state in vocational education. But the interests of the whole state and its young people must be paramount to the desire of any locality for the addition of a state facility.

Ed brought his saddle and bridle horse out of the livery barn that stood on the north side of the street east of Fifth Street. Ed mounted his horse and that wild animal went up in the air, made a few jumps and landed on his side over on the other side of the street. Ed put him back in the barn and for the time being made it out on foot. But as time passed that wild nag became a good saddle horse and was one of the best that Ed and Eli Hershizer had to ride.

There we were seventy years ago in the Millard building just across Fifth Street on the north side of Douglas Street. D. H. Cronin, Clyde King, Art Coykendall and Prairieland Talker. Cronin was the business manager, King was editor and typesetter, Prairieland Talker was ad and job printer artist and the other one was a roustabout. There was where we got out the FRONTIER in days now gone and those running that paper those days are all gone now too except the one who writes this item.

A herd of one-hundred horses more or less were being moved up the street a day in the long ago. One rider rode in front of them and loped his horse from side to side of the street to keep the horses in check while two rode behind and they came to a livery barn a few blocks up the street where was a barn yard into which they turned the horses. Kids and full grown spectators gathered along the fence to see the fun. The three fellows that had gathered up those horses from the open prairie were looking for buyers and maybe here in O'Neill they would find three or four buyers and would move on elsewhere.

On the south side of the street midway between what is now Fourth Street and Fifth Street on main Street going east and west was our first barber shop. Harry was the barber. Then came John Smart on South Fourth Street and then just a few doors north of him Mahlon Price opened a barber shop. Today I don't know just how many there are but I count five or six here in O'Neill. One of those accomplished gentlemen is sticking it out for fifty years here in the Hotel Golden. The first printer in O'Neill was my brother Ezra. His lifeless remains have lain up here in the cemetery now for nearly seventy years. Other early day printers were my brother Grant, Guy M. Green, Clyde King, D. H. Cronin, O. C. Bates who gave us the word "blizzard", and two that I know of still remaining: Homer Campbell out in Washington and Prairieland Talker still on the job here in Nebraska. That first barber, Harry, I contacted some twenty-five years ago in Fremont. He still clipping hair. The two old printers Campbell and Talker are not setting type anymore.

Poor Mike! He had listened to a plea whereby he might be freed from the slavery which he was in. He signed the pledge and as his boozing friends heard about it they made fun of Mike. So he went back to his old way of life and the last memory I have of Mike he sat on the sidewalk as I came along and looked up at me with the face of a drunkard.

### Re-examinations (Dakota County Star)

A bill has been introduced in the Nebraska Legislature which would require driver license applicants to be re-examined every four years.

Under present legislation, it is conceivable that a man who had lost his sight could hold a Nebraska driver's license.

Once a license is issued to a Nebraska driver, all he need do is renew it every two years. There are no other requirements.

In the hypothetical situation we mentioned here, if the blind man renewed his license by mail, he could indeed hold a driver's permit.

We don't know whether four years is the proper interval, but we do believe that re-examination of drivers would possibly eliminate some persons who should not hold drivers' licenses for one reason or another.

Since most driving difficulties come with age, we might suggest that the re-examinations be required every six years until the driver reaches a certain age, when they might be required more frequently.

Driving is a privilege and should be extended only to those who are qualified.

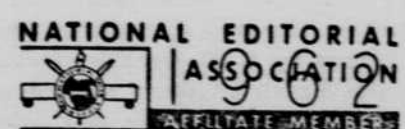
OAKHURST, N. J., MONMOUTH MESSAGE: "A Labor Department survey revealed that in this decade the nation will face a skilled manpower 'squeeze' in the most desirable employee age bracket. With Government responsibilities increasing—in national defense, science, research, and other areas—skilled handicapped citizens represent a reservoir of national resources."

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# Frontiers Ago

### 5 YEARS AGO

Wednesday afternoons capture of Charles Starkweather, 19, a crazed Lincoln youth, lifted a shroud of terror in the Lincoln area. Dr. William J. Douglas, 80, who practiced medicine in Atkinson more than 50 years died Thursday, Jan. 23 in St. Joseph's hospital. The fourth concert season for O'Neill community Concert association opens Monday evening with the personal appearance of Todd Duncan, Negro baritone. The Atkinson High Bakers, tutored by Mary Boesen, Friday night were crowned champions of the 21st Holt county high school basketball tourney. Both O'Neill banks have been designated to receive contributions for a television set to be purchased for Miss Donna Fuhrer, 25, O'Neill.

### 10 YEARS AGO

O'Neill's first annual auto show sponsored by 12 leading auto dealers in the region in cooperation with The Frontier, opens today (Thursday) at 1:30 p.m. Two business places in Page were broken into early Thursday morning. At the Farmers store and Braddock locker, money and cigarettes and several other items were taken. Coach Paul Baker's O'Neill High Eagles became the Holt county cage champions for the second consecutive year by vanquishing a strong St. Joseph's team 49-29. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Seivers, Ewing, had the misfortune to have their farm home destroyed by fire during the storm on Thursday, Jan. 15. Mrs. Thomas Donohoe celebrated her 81st birthday anniversary, Monday, Jan. 26, at her farm home northeast of O'Neill.

### 25 YEARS AGO

A marriage license was taken out on January 31 for Charles W. Richter of Dorsey and Miss Emma Swanson of O'Neill. Last week the City of O'Neill paid off \$5,738.00 on the bonded indebtedness of the city. The St. Mary's Cardinals and the O'Neill high school basketball teams contested for honors last night on the O'Neill High floor. It was the Neill High floor. It was a snappy contest and was won by O'Neill 18 to 16. This afternoon the first sale at the O'Neill Livestock pavilion under the new management will be held and it promises to be the largest ever held. Foster May, Omaha, radio announcer and son of Rev. and Mrs. A. J. May of this city seems to be determined to get into congress. O'Neill kids were hollaring Wednesday. Their skating rink was flooded again Wednesday morning, and as it was not cold enough all day to freeze it the boys were without their usual pastime that evening.

### 50 YEARS AGO

Alex V. Virgin and Mrs. Nellie Abel Weingartner were united in marriage yesterday, Rev. Harold J. Armitage of the Methodist church officiating. C. M. Smith came up from Chambers Wednesday leaving on the Burlington this morning for Sioux City. E. L. Kline of Lincoln was in the city last week. Mr. Kline is loaning money on Holt County farms and is company with his local representative. Edgar S. Goff of Osmond and Leonora Helen Murphy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Murphy, old settlers of this community were married Tuesday morning at St. Patrick's church. Mather and Wolfe received three thoroughbred female hogs from Columbus, last week that weighed 2,200. Lee Baker, Chamber's popular druggist was in the city Saturday.

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# The Long Ago At Chambers

### 25 YEARS AGO

Mike Ote passed away at the Stuart hospital Monday noon, having never fully recovered consciousness following his serious injuries received about ten days ago. Miss Jennie Adams is expected home on furlough in the spring, it being four years since she last left here, going for her third term of service as Missionary Nurse. George L. Smith had the misfortune to slip and fall, in the Smith and Smith store, Saturday afternoon during the shopping rush, breaking the knee cap on his crippled leg. Mr. and Mrs. Lou Nielson are being welcomed by their many friends here, having arrived, Monday night from Mission, Tex. Dorothy Koci, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Koci underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Stuart hospital Saturday. A birthday dinner was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lienhart, Saturday, Jan. 29 in honor of the 84th birthdays of Mr. John Lienhart and Mr. Chas. A. Fauquier.

### 50 YEARS AGO

Dan Forges of Ballagh was in Chambers Tuesday, bringing in hay which he intends to ship to Sioux City. He is going to have a sale the 26th of February as he expects to leave the country this spring. Hugh B. Eller of Fremont, general agent for the C and N.W. in company with D. C. Criss, ticket agent of O'Neill, were down last week looking up business and getting acquainted with the business men of Chambers. Dr. Oxford reports a birth of a 9 pound baby girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Con Harley, Sunday morning. We received a letter from C. L. McGowan last week advancing his subscription a couple of notches. Pete Cheney of Dumas was in town Saturday to meet his sister, Mrs. Cora Wyatt and family, who were coming up from Walnut Grove on a visit.

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# Report from Washington

By Congressman Dave Martin  
Fourth District, Nebraska

The State of the Union, said President Kennedy last week, is "good," but, as he was speaking, strikes were spreading their baleful influence throughout the land. As a result of the longest shutdown of New York newspapers in history, paper mill hands up North were laid off, while hundreds of Gotham's news dealers shuttered their stands. Reporters and desk men barreled from their jobs by picketing printers, were driving cabs, selling haberdashery or hauling coal for a living. As striking dock workers immobilized shipping in harbors from Maine to Texas, cargoes rotted, sugar refineries closed down, and many another plant curtailed operations for lack of supplies or markets. Even Volkswagen, some 5,000 miles away, was forced to curtail output.

Others in the nation's capital, more alarmed than the Chief Executive by the state of the Union, are calling for some form of compulsory arbitration. The show of activity is impressive. The results, however, are likely to be something less. For what ails industrial relations today is not too little government intervention, but too much. The cure will require reversing the whole course of events, which, over the years, has bestowed on the nation's labor leaders their coercive power. Sweet reason does not flourish under the pressure of union monopoly. Bargaining cannot proceed at the point of a gun.

One of the foremost students of labor, Sylvester Petro, a professor at the New York University School of Law, recently stated that industry-wide trade unions are "the greatest threat to its security and well-being that America has ever known." This, and

the above results of the extended dock strike simply make more arguments for the passage of my bill (H.R. 333) introduced on the opening day of the 88th Congress, to put labor unions under the provisions of the antitrust laws. It would end industry-wide strikes which can tie up the economy of the country and adversely affect thousands of innocent people. I introduced this bill in the 87th Congress and re-introduced it again this year. To insure labor peace, we need less government interference, not more. My bill would insure this. In 1962, 19 million man days were lost by strikes — an increase of 15% over 1961. There was an increase in the number of strikes by 6%. This in spite of the guidelines established by the President's Council of Economic Advisers last year and personal involvement of the Labor Secretary in many disputes from the Metropolitan Opera to dock workers.

Members of Congress are still befuddled by the logic of President Kennedy's budget message which proclaims a vigorous Federal job economy program and winds up asking for 36,500 more government jobs. Mr. Kennedy was so proud of the administration's new manpower utilization program, which seeks to eliminate minimal Federal jobs as well as trim other jobs by demanding greater employee work productivity, that he devoted an entire section of his budget message to it. Some 200,000 Federal employees have been added to the government payroll since Mr. Kennedy took office two years ago. Now he wants an additional 36,500.

Headline of the Week:  
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