

The Best of . . .

"Prairieland Talk"

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Is it high cost of living or high living that creates the demand for increases in wages and a general boost in prices. The city gent thinks he must shave, put on a fresh laundered shirt and just pressed trousers every morning. The ladies do not wear the same outfit twice in succession and everybody from day laborer to governor is installed in apartments where custodians do all the work. Automobiles clog the streets and highways. Every day and far into the night the giddy whirl of amusements, conventions, propaganda highbinders and club gatherings of one sort or another goes on.



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Substitute the letter a for the o, drop a letter and out of concert there appears cancer. It is not always that terrible.

Republicans of Holt county denounced the "unicam". So far so good. Had I been on the floor there would have been introduced a resolution denouncing the whole primary election setup — that thing whereby any crackpot who can raise the filing fee may become a candidate and now for the first time in Nebraska has made of the office of president of the nation a pawn of barnstormers overrunning the prairies.

Not that it commanded any attention worth mentioning the busybodies trespassed on Mother's day with another special day — "freedom of religion day" — as though so fundamental a matter were for a day. And that opened what is called liberty week with different features of the American conception of liberty receiving emphasis day by day ending next Sunday when a train pulls in at the Missouri Pacific station in Lincoln in the cars of which will be on display some original documents of historic interest. The idea was conceived in Washington as a means of bringing to the attention of the younger generation some of the background of our republican form of government. Incidentally, it may encourage a better feeling in the matter of setting up adequate military defense of the American way of life.

The primary may be excusable for the naming of state and county candidates. Now we have the spectacle of men supposedly measuring in mentality, dignity and statesmanship qualifying them for the position of the nation's chief executive descending to the level of the barnstormer and spending a fortune stumping the country. After the primary votes are counted nothing is settled as respecting who will be voted into the job of president. Is the high office of president of the United States now in the class of city ward politicians?

Editorial

Decision of Importance

On Tuesday, May 21, the wheat farmers of this country will make a decision which with full justification is described as one . . . of extreme importance to American agriculture. . . The outcome of this referendum to be conducted by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, will go far beyond the desires and problems of the wheat farmers alone. It will have far-reaching effects — one way or the other upon all farmers, processors and consumers. The referendum will call for a yes or no vote on a plan providing unprecedentedly strict acreage allotments and marketing quotas. The Secretary of Agriculture would be given vast powers to regulate all handlers, processors, and distributors of wheat, all the way from the farm to the consumer. The proposed compulsory wheat program is designed to dovetail with similar proposals for other grains. Should this happen, the livestock feed grains would inevitably come within the system, and the nation's meat production would be definitely, perhaps drastically, affected.

The vote, according to observers, is apt to be a close one. There is a belief that large numbers of farmers, busy with planting and other chores, won't turn up. The argument presented in favor of a yes vote is that it would produce \$2 per bushel as against \$1 per bushel wheat. The Secretary of Agriculture is authority for this. But there are grave doubts that his view is a correct one. The market system, plus existing support plans, plus restrictions on the sale of Commodity Credit Corporation stocks, plus the ever-present possibility that Congress would act should a crisis occur, supports these doubts.

Richard Wilson, Washington correspondent for the Des Moines, Iowa, Register, has provided a forthright argument against approval of the proposal presented in this coming referendum. As he sees it, wheat farmers are being asked to decide "whether to take the final plunge into the strictest form of control and regimentation of private enterprise ever seriously proposed in this country". Then he says: "The absurd claim is made . . . that farm-

ers are choosing between \$2 per bushel and \$1 per bushel wheat. This is not even statistically correct . . . This is so unrealistic that few farmers will be fooled.

"Farmers won't be left in the lurch. They are given a chance now to escape a new regimentation that they will come to hate even more than some of them detest their present restrictions. If the wheat farmers say no, Congress will come immediately to grips with this problem again, and there is no lack of effective programs which could be enacted.

"The choice is not between \$2 and \$1 wheat. It is a choice of freedom and responsibility or the intensification of control systems which haven't yet been able to do the job."

Another dissenting voice is that of President Shuman of the American Farm Bureau Federation. Here, in a sentence, is the substance of a case he has developed in detail: "A 'no' vote in the referendum would be a signal to discard the outmoded farm program concepts of the depression thirties that have created burdensome surpluses in the controlled commodities and move in the direction of a dynamic and expanding agricultural economy."

The tale will be told on the 21st of May. It is unthinkable that once independent farmers will vote away their freedom, as they are now being pressured to do, by the public officials who would be their bosses.

RIVERTON, WYO., RANGER: "Attempts at news management are nothing new from government leaders. But the new refinements may cause the nation new difficulties . . . The press of the nation isn't trying to give away any vital secrets when it goes after the news. The record of the press is good in keeping secret news matters that actually affect the national security. More dangerous than the press getting the facts to the people is the people's willingness to swallow a government line that distorts truth. When the government and the press agree, the republic will be gone."

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

Ferdinand Hupp and Miss Anna Funk, both of Ewing, were granted a marriage license by County Judge Charlton last Friday . . . J. M. Kreader, for many years sheriff of Dodge county and later revenue collector for the Third district, but now a resident of Cheyenne county, was an O'Neill visitor last Monday . . . Charles S. Sands of Lincoln has been appointed district manager for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York with headquarters in this city . . . Shorty Desimple, the artistic little brick layer, arrived in town last Monday. This is a sure indication that the building season has arrived . . . The Golden Hotel will be formally opened to the public next Saturday night with a banquet.

25 YEARS AGO

Dr. O. W. French of Page has entered into partnership with Dr. J. P. Brown of this city, effective June 1, 1938 . . . O'Neill High school won the track and field meet at Stuart by 50 points. Leonard Lorenz broke Holt county's high jump record, jumping 5 feet 9 1/2 inches . . . Howard Graves, Woodrow, Melena and Dorothy Yocum, composing the trumpet trio, and Charles Yarnell as low voice soloist, left Wednesday for Omaha, where they will take part in the regional music festival to be held Thursday . . . This section has been blessed with 1.61 inches of moisture the past week and things never looked better at this season of the year than they do at present.

10 YEARS AGO

Thirty-six O'Neill high school seniors will hear a commencement address entitled "Time Out", by Doctor N. F. Thorpe of the University of Nebraska, at commencement exercises on May 19 at the School auditorium . . . The 1953 class of 32 St. Mary's academy seniors today enter their final two weeks of graduation activities . . . There was a big circus in O'Neill Friday and in many respects, it was better than the traditional curcuses you read about . . . One thousand persons gathered to see the O'Neill public school kindergarten pupils provide a rare one hour and 20 minutes treat for the audience . . . The new Gateway Motel, an elaborate 21-unit tourist court which has been under construction several months at the east edge of the city, will formally open May 18, it was announced this week by Mr. and Mrs. Dick Tomlinson, owners.

5 YEARS AGO

M-Sgt. William Cousins of the army recruiting office at O'Neill has announced that Miss Marie Ritz of O'Neill has enlisted in the women's army corps. She will study cryptography . . . Miss Cecilia Ann Arbuthnot, a St. Mary's academy student and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Arbuthnot, has been announced as one of 11 Nebraska high school seniors named as a winner of the coveted National Merit Scholarships. . . Donald Hawk will represent the Ewing American Legion post at the boys state activities this year. He is an honor student at the Ewing school . . . Frances Tighe, formerly of Norfolk, has been named successor to the late Charles E. Jones, who was manager of the Central Finance Corporation here since 1939.

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The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO

The ball game Saturday afternoon was well attended and resulted in a decided victory for Chambers, the score being 7 to 17. This Saturday the same team plays at Martha . . . We understand a certain young man in this town is going into the peanut business. He was seen Sunday on our streets displaying a peanut roaster, but did not seem to be very much experienced in operating it . . . The Band Boys are preparing a play "The Spy of Gettysburg" which they will present on the evening of May 30 . . . Arnold Krbil of Sargent, came up the first of the week after his car which was broke down last fall while going through from Spencer. However he sold the car to Charles Conarro and returned home Wednesday.

25 YEARS AGO

Eleanor M. Sammons, daughter of the late Oren C. Sammons, of Amelia was united in marriage to Morris Nelson, Minneapolis, Minn., at 11 a.m. May 5 at the home of the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nelson, Minneapolis . . . Mrs. Emma Myers tells us that her daughter, Mrs. Pearl Goodspeed of Tilden, had the misfortune of losing her brooder house and about 200 little chicks . . . Chambers received 44 1/2 points to Martha's 19 at a track meet held between Martha and Chambers students, this week . . . Melvin Brittain returned to the C C Camp at Martin, S. D., the first of the week after spending last weekend with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Brittain . . . Dr. and Mrs. Coleman of Chappell were calling on friends here an evening last week. Dr. Coleman was the local physician about 25 years ago.

Inman News

By Mrs. James McMahan

Mrs. W. J. Slusher and Billy, Valentine, spent Sunday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira L. Watson and family.

Mrs. Woodrow Gaughenbaugh returned Sunday evening from

spending two weeks helping in the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Gaughenbaugh, O'Neill. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller, Nebr., were Inman callers Saturday.

Patty Morrow was an overnight in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Gaughenbaugh and family, O'Neill. The Inman WSCS held their regular meeting Thursday afternoon at the Methodist church annex. This meeting was the Annual Birthday party. Tables were decorated with bouquets of artificial flowers. About 18 members and 7 guests attended the meeting. Group singing of Hymns furnished the entertainment for the afternoon. Lunch was served at the close of the meeting by a committee composed of Mrs. Amelia Moore, Mrs. Lyle Abney and Mrs. Grace Lauen.

Cal Geary spent last Tuesday at Craig on business and visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gary Nelson and family and Kenneth Nelson. Mr. and Mrs. Clark Gaughenbaugh and family entertained Mrs. Woodrow Gaughenbaugh and Carol Ann at dinner in honor of Carol's 18th birthday anniversary. Justis Butterfield who is employed south of Ewing spent the

weekend with his family. Mrs. Cal Geary returned Friday from Craig where she spent a couple of days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gary Nelson and daughter and Kenneth Nelson. Several from Inman attended the Grand Old Opry performances on Sunday afternoon and evening at the O'Neill Public School Gym. Melvin Michaelis visited his mother, Mrs. Edna Michaelis, Stuart, on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. James McMahan returned Thursday from Sioux City, Ia., where she spent a few days. Mrs. Woodrow Gaughenbaugh spent Wednesday evening visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jonas, O'Neill. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Coventry, Norfolk, spent the weekend visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Coventry and Bob. Charles Schollemyer, O'Neill, visited Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harte and family Sunday.

IOOF LODGE NO. 57 meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m. All members are urged to be present. Visiting Old Fellows welcome.

BEN FRANKLIN

Mother's Day GIFTS

Mother's Day Sunday, May 13th

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Sale starts at 1 p.m.

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- Bed
- Chrome kitchen set
- Electric stove
- Dining suite with 6 chairs
- Living room suite
- Large refrigerator
- Floor lamp
- 2—Extra chairs
- 2—End tables
- Radio
- Wardrobe
- 9x12 rug
- Several small rugs
- Dishes and cooking utensils

- Model 97 Winchester 12-ga. shotgun
- Set of garden tools
- Wheelbarrow
- 4-ft. step ladder
- Antique book case
- 3ed clothes and blankets
- 2—Vacuum cleaners (1 is an Airway, almost new)
- Electric iron, new
- Washing machine
- Fishing tackle
- Fish spear
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