

The Best of . . .

# "Prairieland Talk"

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Were I a citizen of Omaha the blush of shame would flush my face because of the shabby reception for Mr. Truman. As a citizen of Nebraska one can but feel humiliated.

I could not support him for continuing in the White House, but he is now our president and was entitled to at least the consideration Omaha accords a prize fighter or notable baseball club.

Mr. Truman undoubtedly entertains a forlorn hope, if indeed he harbors a lingering hope. Down in the cotton states there might be something lacking in the southern hospitality, but the coolness of Nebraska Democrats upon the occasion of a visit from the Democratic president of the United States can be explained only that they too are definitely opposed to the administration as it is in Washington.

Gov. Peterson, Republican, redeemed us officially.

Meeting a former acquaintance recently, I asked if her husband was still in railroad service. "Yes, and he has two years to go yet to get his retirement pension." The same day I met another acquaintance and she said they were interested in getting into the country but her husband had three years yet on the job and then retirement on pension.

These are not isolated incidents but are encountered frequently. This generation of employees seem to have the one ambition to get that pension. For the most part such payments come from a fund created by the workers and it brings the gratifying assurance that they will not be the beneficiaries of public charity in later years. But what about the small business people?

They must do as our fathers and grandfathers did by providing for non-productive years or wind up on the poor farm.

In the community where my early childhood was merging into youth, there was a poor farm but no destitute venerable citizens, so the place was used to care for a few local characters whose mental balance had upset.

Nebraska is a multimillionaires state. As of June 1, State Treasurer Gillette reports 41 million and a quarter in the public treasury.

Living saints are often kicked around while the dead ones are canonized.

The annual worry over weather conditions has been on again . . . much unnecessary concern over something we are not managing. When in 1894 the great plains region was swept by hot winds day after day there seemed to be something to worry about. That period was survived and seasons of unfavorable weather conditions since then have been local in effect with little resemblance to that earlier famine season. There have been no hot winds this far this season and while rainfall has not been what is desired doubtless at roundup time there will be a fine crop of husky young heaves, and granaries and cellars pretty well stocked. My daughter writes from Orlando, Fla. that they have had no rain in three months—less than two weeks since the Lincoln community had an all-night rainfall.

Communities in which railroads were built before the introduction of trucks now making court fights to retain train service on these branch lines should make a showing that the community is able and willing to furnish sufficient business to warrant the operation of trains. Railroads are not sending their rolling stock out empty if they can help it.

Among the 1,100 odd graduates of the state university the names of a number from Holt county appear. Dona E. Gallagher, O'Neill, received the BA degree; William H. Rees, Amelia, finished in business administration; Charles P. Walker, Page, and Janice J. Wilson, Stuart, were among those graduating from the teachers' college. Maybe others that I have not intentionally overlooked.

Lancaster county, with a population of something like 150 thousand, has room for a sizable population of native wild animals. The county clerk paid bounties on 400 coyote pelts last year.

He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.—Micah 6.8.

Editorial

## If We Would Check We Might Be Content

The Neligh News

Small boys aren't the only people who envy Big League baseball players.

Millions of us of all ages must wonder now and then why fate has chained us to a desk, glued us to a machine, imprisoned us in a salesman's car, otherwise consigned us to an unglamorous career.

Unglamorous that is, compared to the carefree, exciting lives these handsome, frisky young heroes enjoy as they pull down fabulous money for playing a game they no doubt would play for free if no one had thought of paying them to play it.

Consider the life of a baseball star.

Every move followed by millions of admirers—some of them girls. Fan clubs. Autograph seekers—some of them girls. Travel. Fine hotels. As much good food as you can eat — on an expense account yet. Plenty of sunshine and fresh air. And you can't heat the hours.

But hold it.

Did you get your job over the active and talented competition of a half dozen other guys who were just as determined as you to land it?

When you boot one on the job — and don't we all? — do 40,000 dedicated maniacs boo you?

Do half a dozen eager beavers sit behind you, waiting and praying for you to slow down a bit so they can take over your work?

Does the whole country know when you are removed from the starting lineup?

Is the tension in your job so great you are too nervous to eat before you go to work and too depressed to sleep after you get home?

Do you know what most of the unsung baseball players make? Not the big stars, but the mine-run boys?

Do you want to be washed up in your profession at 35?

Do you want to be away from the family half the time?

Maybe all of us should check our jobs point by point against those that look so posh and cushy. Maybe we'd be more content with what we have.

And of course there's always a way for any of us to be happier in what we're doing. We can merely do it better.

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## Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

Dr. J. C. Gallagher of St. Louis, Mo., son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gallagher of this city was united in marriage at Dunlap, Ia., to Miss Gertrude L. McNaughton on June 19. . . Mrs. Anna George, wife of C. F. George, died at the home of her mother, Mrs. O. E. Davidson, in this city Tuesday morning. . . Mr. and Mrs. William Hammond returned last Monday night from their honeymoon trip in Northern Minnesota and Iowa. . . C. E. Stout of this city was chosen vice-president of the state druggists association, at their meeting held in Norfolk last week. . . After ten days of dry, hot weather, this section of the state was visited with a splendid rain last Sunday afternoon. The precipitation amounted to 82 hundredths of an inch and was the heaviest since May.

25 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lohaus and John Lee, Omaha, came Sunday and will visit her sister, Mrs. C. J. Gatz and other relatives and friends. . . Dr. W. F. Finley and daughter, Mary Joan, left Friday morning for Omaha where Dr. Finley entered St. Joseph's hospital for medical treatment. . . Wayne Hancock of Tekamah, arrived Thursday night, and will spend a few weeks visiting his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hancock. . . Mrs. Sherman Ennis received word Wednesday that her husband had been operated upon in a hospital at Rochester, Minn., Monday morning and that he was getting along nicely. . . Sumner Downey, C. J. Gatz, Norbert Uhl, John Kazda and Dr. H. L. Bennett leave tonight for Park Rapids, Minn., where they will spend a week fishing. When they get back we expect to hear some great fishing tales.

10 YEARS AGO

Arlen Miles, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Miles, has been promoted to airman second-class and Donald Sauser has been upped to staff sergeant at Goodfellow air force base, San Angelo, Tex. . . Joseph Emma McWilliams, 33, orally confessed Wednesday afternoon to the sadistic slaying of O'Neill's Police Chief, Chet Calkins. The chief was killed in the early morning hours of March 7, 1952. . . Two O'Neill high school teaching vacancies have been filled, it was announced this week. Mrs. Patricia B. French, Page, has been signed to teach vocal music and Miss Mildred McNutt has been hired to teach home economics. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKenny, O'Neill, a daughter, Glea Kathleen, weighing 6 pounds 14 1/2 ounces, June 23. . . Marilu Jesse, Omaha, became the bride of James Elmer Merriman, O'Neill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Merriman, O'Neill, Saturday.

5 YEARS AGO

A 16 year-old O'Neill high school senior, George Fuller, was critically injured Monday afternoon when he was run over by a crawler-type tractor at a gravel pit. . . Page American Legion post 315 held an election of officers Tuesday and Ben Asher was elected commander to succeed Lloyd Cork. . . Among those elected to offices at boys state in session at Lincoln was Bob Kurtz, Long Pine, who was elected lieutenant-governor. A candidate for the legislature was elected but was forced to leave. He was James Nissen of Page, who contracted the chicken pox. . . Members of the graduating class of St. Mary's academy reunited Saturday with their wives and husbands and marked the 25th anniversary of their graduation. . . An Appaloosa horse show, the first to be held in Nebraska, will be the main feature of the 1958 hay day celebration, August 19.

## The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO

Mr. Hall of Neligh, Superintendent of the Children's Home Society is here this week with two children trying to place them. . . Dr. Oxford reports the birth of a baby boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Barton at Balgah. . . A baby girl was born to the Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Groose, Thursday. . . Guy Alderson had the misfortune to lose one of his driving horses Sunday. Rev. Price went to Oskdale Monday to attend the Epworth League Convention in session there. The Bugle office is in receipt of a mess of fine, large strawberries brought in by Mrs. Earl. Thanks! They were certainly good. . . C. J. Barnum returned from Omaha Friday driving a new regal "25".

## ROYAL THEATRE

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"TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD"  
Children under 12 free if accompanied by parent.

25 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Grimes are the proud parents of a son, Bernard Glenn, born to them on June 15. The young man tipped the scales at 9 pounds 9 ounces. . . The interior of the Greenstreet store looks very cool and inviting being freshly painted in green and white, and with the partition removed making more room. . . Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Engelhaupt are the parents of a fine baby girl born to them, June 16. . . At the ball game, Sunday, between Chambers and Amelia, the score was 15-1 in favor of Chambers. . . There were about forty people present at the Fair View church, Friday evening, to attend the Evangelistic service by the Chambers Baptist Gospel team. Miss Jennie Adams was the speaker. . . Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Gillette are the parents of a 7 1/2 pound daughter, Mary Ellen, born June 2.

## Pages Past

50 YEARS AGO

Buy and Sterling Wanser and wives drove to Plainview Sunday in Buy's car and spent the day with relatives. . . C. W. Duell has a Hupmobile which he bought at Battle Creek the first of the week. He is learning to gee and haw this week. . . P. T. Stevens, Fred McNabb, J.F. Morey, Barney Stewart and D. L. Crellin attended the Modern Woodmen picnic at Neligh Tuesday. George Breacher has installed a new rain gauge in the Page State Bank. It measures the rainfall accurately to the hundredth of an inch. . . State Veterinary McKim arrived from Norfolk Monday and declared his intention of destroying the two horses of R. A. Sarchet that were affected by Glanders. . . From the village board proceeding: Moved by Cockson and seconded by Timmermier that there be but one pool hall in Page during the year and that the pool hall close at 10:00 p.m. on all nights except Saturday, closing time on Saturday to be 10:30 p.m. Motion carried.

40 YEARS AGO

A six pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Porter on Monday, June 4. . . Misses Ethel, Margaret and Mildred Walker went to Sioux City Tuesday. Miss Hilda Stauffer left Monday with her sister, Elizabeth for Lincoln where she will take a three month course in the Lincoln Business college. Upon her return she will take a position in

## THE FRONTIER

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the Page State Bank . . . R. L. Bryan is leaving for Russell, Kent., Friday where he will attend his brother-in-law's funeral services and also visit relatives at Canisteo, N. Y. enroute home. . . N. G. Miller caught two 17 inch trout in Middlebranch creek the other day. . . Vernon Wertz left Friday for Chadron where he will attend Normal School. . . Thursday was moving day. R. A. Sarchet moved out of his house preparatory to going to Canada. Willard Gray moved in to the house he vacated and Oscar Reed into the house he occupied. . . Mrs. C. A. Townsend, Mrs. C. A. Townsend Jr., and Mrs. A. D. Palmer went to Omaha Saturday where the Townsends will visit for some time and Mrs. Palmer will go on to Missouri where A. D. has employment. . . Out of eight games played the Page Ball team has won six. . . Rev. L. R. McGuabey and family are leaving Friday for a three week vacation at Holyoke, Colo.

ed by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Meyers and children, Cedar Falls, Ia., returned to their home Wednesday after spending a few days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Pierce. They also visited with the Dean and Arnie Pierce and Roland Cook families.

SA Robert Raff, who is stationed at a Naval base in California, was a member of the guard unit for President Kennedy when the president visited at the base. Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Raff, a former resident of this community.

Connie Dorr helped at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Veldon Godel.

Larry Caskey helped Max LeMasters put up his alfalfa last week.

Anita Hines is visiting at the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Grosse, Plainview.

Mrs. Harry Caskey and Mrs. Donald Caskey and family motored to O'Neill Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Heggemeyer and family visited at the Donald Kinnison home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser were Tuesday evening visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Faulhaber.

Mrs. Edna Boelter accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Francis Boelter to Creighton Thursday.

Mrs. George Heggemeyer entertained the Work and Fun Club at her home last Wednesday. Eleven members and one guest were present. The ladies did hand work for the hostess.

A card was read from Viola Pospeschil, who with her sister and niece are visiting at Flora, Ill.

Mrs. James Podany will have the July meeting. Lunch was served

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