

PrairieLand Talk

Cowmen Enter City Politics

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LINCOLN—O'Neill is to have a cowboy mayor—the first taken out of the saddle to sit in the executive chair since Col. A. D. Doyle hung up his spurs to become mayor of O'Neill and with him a cow man as councilman from the Third ward in the person of Joe Cowperthwaite.

Omaha took on a range rider as mayor when Jim Dahlman of Dawes county became the popular idol of our state metropolis.

Mr. Schaffer gave the O'Neill citizens a comprehensive statement of his conception of the duties of mayor in a pre-election platform. The citizens will now look forward to the carrying out of that platform.

Mayor-Elect Schaffer takes his office with him several reputable cowmen: J. J. ("Jack") Berigan, from the First ward, and Leigh Reynolds, from the Second.

The Berigans for years have been identified with livestock raising and selling and Mr. Reynolds is a part of the O'Neill Livestock Market.

Commercialized trees, plants, shrubs—a nursery. There he stood on the TV screen with alluring superlatives haunted his hearers with the beauty of tree and plant and would deprecate virgin prairie land with spruce and birch tree. City dwellers are hemmed about with trees and bushes. There comes again down memory's lane a vision of the treeless prairie as nature formed it just as it was when the pioneers' foot trod upon the sod. The open prairie stretching to the far horizon robed in a gown of green where buffalo, antelope, prairie chicken and curlew lived their lives until we guys came along and took over. Cities and towns, plowed fields and highways, barnyards and pig pens, testify that mankind is now in the picture. But out under the star-domed heavens still stretch unspoiled haunts of grazing herds, the sly coyote and other wildlings. The blood of the pioneer stirs as spring comes to prairie land with the urge to respond to the call of the wild.

A student of the animated things we call youngsters says brother and sis must have time to play. If deprived of the day's fun, the result will be home neurosis, loneliness neurosis, school neurosis, street neurosis, stranger neurosis. If you are scared of "neurosis" turn the kids loose to play. Dressed in regal suit and robe, I saw them passing up the street this morning in lengthened strides. Roland Hart and his stately but graceful lady, British born neighbors of PrairieLand Talker, now both Americans and Nebraska patriots. The British ambassador, Sir Roger Makins, was in the city and the Harts may have wished to salute a peer of their former homeland. Nine cents for an apple. The nine cents goes into clerk hire, rent, insurance, property tax, income tax, wholesale bills, and if any left, into the proprietor's pocket.

Stepping up to the entrance of a downtown bank, the door swings open. Out of slight somewhere are hidden forces that move into action at the unspoken command embodied in a human form. Shall our presence cast a shadow, arouse hostility in the one we meet or cast a gleam of light that brings a smile, opens the door to human hearts with the invitation to come in and share the joyous fellowship of kindred souls?

Editorial

Too Much Authority?

No doubt from Frontier land there are a number of active marines and many former marines who know something of Parris Island—the marine corps "boot" training center in South Carolina.

It has been a part of the corps for half a century and has become a symbol for the marines' method of recruit training, which is regarded by those who have experienced it as a fearful and wonderful thing.

Parris Island "boot" training represents a conglomeration of training, drill, indoctrination and ordeal that sends out "graduates" declaring they wouldn't go through it again for a million dollars and wouldn't take a million dollars for the experience.

Parris Island graduates generally have enormous pride (esprit de corps) and possess an inner confidence they can "take it."

Perhaps the weakness in the Parris Island technique is the amount of authority it vests in the "boot drivers" (drill sergeants) and the possibilities of abuse by the brutal or inept.

Ten days ago six recruits were drowned while on a night march through a swamp. The march was said to have been ordered by their drill sergeant to "teach discipline."

There has been considerable criticism levied at the marine corps as a result and the corps commandant felt compelled to make a "personal investigation."

The "boot driver," who engineered the ill-fated swamp march, may or may not have indulged in such disciplinary measures before, and such "indoctrination" may or may not have been old soap at Parris. In any event, the high ocean tide was not given the necessary consideration and six marines were drowned, others got into trouble.

The mayor of Dearborn, Mich., himself a Parris Island "grad" and also the father of three sons, who also went through "boot" training there, has been outspoken concerning brutality and abuses at that center.

It is unfortunate that such an incident in peacetime should cause reflection on a fine service. It will be interesting to watch the fixing of the blame.

Holiday Features Nebraska

Nebraska, a state which boasts the longest average life span in the nation, and whose history read like a western thriller, is featured in the May issue of Holiday magazine.

Native Author Mari Sandoz treats the growth and character of a homeland that only recently was the pathway to the West and the highland home of Indians. She describes the way Indians lived when the first white men came to Nebraska, drawn by the scent of gold and seeking free land and the independence it offered.

Known as the tree planter's state, and now (by legislative action) as the beef state, Nebraska lies in the heart of the largest single piece of arable-grazing land in the world, states the author, and boasts fine corn ground, great stretches of wheat land, several oil-rich regions, and ridges that are higher than most of the mountains of the West.

When You and I Were Young

Group Braves Storm to Reach Dance

Annear Enthusiasts Get Breakfast

50 Years Ago Charles Shoemaker, 35, died of cerebral meningitis. May Ryan was up to Atkinson to visit her brother, Mike. She was accompanied home by Gertrude Reid. Hugh O'Neill, wife and three children, John, Nachtman, Arleigh Moore and John Hunt and wife braved the storm and came up from Annear to attend a dance at Mrs. F. Coburn's. They remained until after breakfast next morning.

20 Years Ago L. G. Gillespie was high voter-getter with 1,441 votes for the unicameral legislature. F. J. Brady was second high with 1,052. Miss Ramona Margaret Haun and Harold Shoemaker were married. Ed Thomas of Meek sawed wood for Charlie Linn and Orville Harrison. Miss Carolyn Tomjack of Emmet spent the weekend at her home in Ewing.

10 Years Ago Rev. S. M. Ohmart, 83, died in an Omaha hospital. Winners for the highest kite in a contest held here were Bob Holselaw, first; Donald Sauer, second; Bill Le. Elsie Ramon. Margaret Haun had the largest kite; Paul E. Moseman had the smallest, and Don Petersen had the prettiest. Mrs. Ames Gaffney of Emmet is having her home redecorated.

One Year Ago Three hundred and eight people boarded the special trains to attend a Save-the-Trains meeting at Bassett. John Robert Richter, 5, was struck by an auto as he was crossing the street near St. Mary's academy. Lt. Donna Shelhamer, an army nurse, left for Yokohama, Japan, for an overseas assignment.

New Books Listed by Ewing Library

EWING—New books to be found at the library this week are: "Of Things Not Seen" by Hertz; "Papa Married a Woman" by Fitzgerald; "Slow Dies the Thunder" by Miller; "My Spiritual Diary" by Dale Evans Rogers. These books are in the adult section.

For boys and girls: "The House in Hiding" by Lynn; "Marooned in Du-Bu Cave" by Cheesman; "Sailor Jim's Cave" by Enright; "Blus Swamp" by Homer; "Timber Line Treasure" by Stoutenberg; "A Wonderful Day" by Coatsworth; "My Bunny Book" by Gross; "You You Discover America" by Bolton; "Trucks at Work" by Elting; "Norman at Nursery School" Young and Hayes; "Frosty Snow" by Harris; "Happy Playtime" by Gran-

Bride-Elect Is Feared

EWING—A miscellaneous shower was held Friday evening at the Ewing Methodist church parlors, honoring Miss Fern Pruden, who will be a May bride.

The center of attraction was the gift table on which appeared many gaily wrapped packages. Miss Pruden was assisted in opening the gifts by Mrs. Dona Carson and her aunt, Mrs. Ben Larson. Mrs. John Pruden, a sister-in-law, had charge of the gift.

Pastel colors were used in the decorations for the luncheon table. Small umbrellas of various colors added to the "shower" effect.

Seventy-five guests were in attendance, several coming from Orchard, O'Neill, Clearwater and Neligh.

On Monday evening, April 9, Miss Pruden was honored guest at a 6:30 dinner at the home of Mrs. Della Recroft at Neligh.

Guests were members of the bowling team on which Miss Pruden has played. The centerpiece for the table featured a kitchen gadget shower for Miss Pruden. The evening was spent bowling. Present were Mrs. George Zimmers, Mrs. Ray Angus, the Misses Maryann Ehler and Evelyn Johnson.

Back in the News

(W. H. Plourd in Nance County Journal) Friends of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt will be glad to hear that she is in the news again.

Hadn't heard much about her since that time last December when she joined a group of characters who petitioned the president to set free in time for Christmas a bunch of communists who had been thrown into the clink for treasonable activities against the government.

Falling in that try, the dauntless Mrs. R. has signed up with another uplift outfit, which bears the mouth-dripping name of "The Citizens Committee for Expanding Foreign Aid." The platform of this bunch is both simple and generous. After first assailing the present half-billion-dollar foreign aid program as "far too limited in scope," they are demanding that we scatter around the world a billion and a half a year of American taxpayers' money for the next five years.

Miller Theater - Atkinson - Fri.-Sat. Apr. 20-21 Broken Lance - QCD - Sun.-Mon. Apr. 22-23 Spencer, Robert Tracy Ryan - Bad Day at Black Rock - Tues.-Wed.-Thurs. Apr. 24-25-26



O'Neill Seaman Gets Certificate

Lyle J. Fox, seaman recruit, USN, receives an honor man certificate and an engraved identification bracelet during recruit graduation at the Great Lakes, Ill., naval training center on March 31. Rear Admiral A. R. Harris (right), Ninth naval district dental officer, made the presentation. Fox is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fox of 105 W. Douglas. O'Neill. He was selected honor man of his recruit company by his instructors, company commander and fellow company members. At Great Lakes he devoted his own time to recruit education. The honor certificate cited him for "special trust, confidence and patriotism." Fox, who is spending a leave here, will depart Saturday for Treasure Island to study navy electronics.—U.S. Navy Photo.

Davis Graduates from Jump School

Army Pvt. Lyle E. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Davis of O'Neill, recently was graduated from the 82d airborne division's jump school at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

Davis received his parachutist's wings after completing the three-week course, which included five training jumps.

Davis, a radio operator in battery C of the division's 378th field artillery battalion, entered the army in September, 1955 and completed basic training at Ft. Bragg.

He was graduated from O'Neill high school in 1954.

Maritz Completes Diesel Training

PAGE—Wayne L. Maritz of Page has just completed specialized training in diesel engine work according to an announcement from Utilities Engineering Institute in Chicago, Ill., where he has recently been attending shop classes, after nearly a year of preparatory study.

... DANCE ... AT O'NEILL AMERICAN LEGION AUDITORIUM AND BALLROOM JOLLY COPPERSMITHS ORCHESTRA Saturday, April 21st Admission: Adults, \$1; Students, 50c

Sewing Machine Satisfaction Total

The Young Homemakers extension club met Wednesday, April 1, at 5 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Murray Mellor. Nine members answered roll by giving likes and dislikes of household.

Mrs. Harold Milmar gave a safety report and report of the council meeting. Mrs. Roy Gorkie gave a report of the cancer meeting. The club will give \$5 and help in the collection of funds for the cancer drive.

Mrs. Roy Forbes and Mrs. Murray Mellor gave the lesson on satisfaction from your sewing machine. The next meeting will be May

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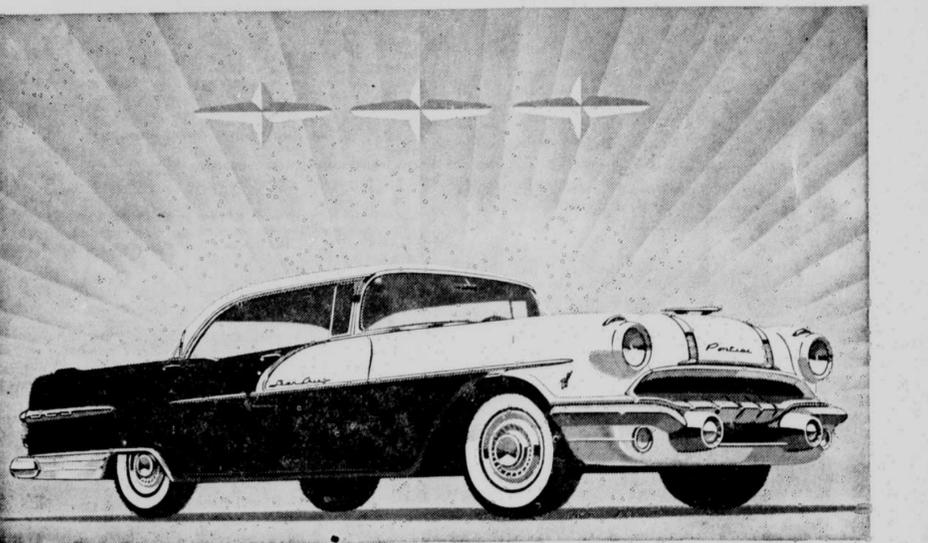
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