

Prairieland Talk

Spade Outfit Had Best Horsemen

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LINCOLN—Horsemanship still sits in the saddle of heroics. What is it that perpetuates this relic of the old west? It is known as rodeo, a Spanish word for roundup.

O'Neill has joined the procession with an annual exhibition of child play as bronco riders of the long ago would have regarded it. The streets and alleys and open places of which this generation of O'Neill citizens knows nothing were the scene of daily "rodeo stuff." Shades of Joe McEvony, Bob Ingersoll, John Long Hair, Harry Gillespie, Jake Hersher and the others of bronco busting breed! Even the legally learned Mike Harrington once joined the procession of fictitious cowboys, though Mike was a sorry spectacle in the saddle and gave it up, though his brothers, Jack and J. J., could each swing a quirt and stay with the pitching pinto.



Romaine Saunders

The mastery of horsemanship reached its climax in the American cowboy, those boys of the open range that General Miles classed as the flower of all whose lives were spent in the saddle. The general had seen them all, cavalry, Arabs, gauchos of South America, Russian horsemen, his judgment being that Sam Elwood and Johnny Kearney of the Spade outfit represented a group of champion horsemen of the world. The general was a horseman himself, maintaining a palatial stable at his home in Washington, D.C., that it was my privilege at one time to visit.

High schools, academies, colleges, universities have graduated another army of young America. Schooling is the polestar of the hour as earth's masses plunge headlong into an age of rocket bombs, jet bombs, gas bombs and the deadly H-bomb. Education—is its fruit a troubled world? Someone came to the conclusion long ago that ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise. . . I met an esteemed friend recently. After warm-hearted greetings that friend cast a critical eye over my outward appearance and put me in the Wall Street broker's class of gent. That friend's estimate of anyone is worth something. What does the Omnipotent Eye see when it looks upon the naked soul? . . . Crowds at the show howled with delight as the clown did his act, his face torn with agony behind a mask and one hand torn from him by an exploding bomb in that hand as part of the act.

He was said to be a Bible salesman from an Ohio address taken into custody for passing a no-fund check at a Lincoln store. The officer responsible for the address remarked that his prisoner sold Bibles but didn't read one.

It is the right, the privilege, the duty of every American citizen who keeps out of jail to go to the polls election day and vote. Cities, including the capital city of the beef state, disenfranchise voters who have not shown up 10 days before election at a downtown election commissioner's staffed headquarters and attached their signature to a document setting forth their street address, party affiliation and national heritage. Some who had spent most of their days on earth in the city did not get to vote last primary "because they had failed to register." What should a citizen do—knock down the precinct election judges, grab the ballots, mark the ones of his choice, stuff his vote in the ballot box and walk out?

A mansion grand, wealth and costly things did not await me along the highway traveled, but as the journey's end lies just ahead there are leisure hours in which to pause by the flower-bedded bush, time to listen to the song of the lark, to linger in the shade of elm and cottonwood, to stand in silent awe looking out across the land to the gold of sunset. I do not crave to sit among the great of earth in United Nations councils, just give me the smile of a little child, the hand clasp and warm-hearted fellowship of friends. These to cherish down the highway to the end.

A blood-red rose blooms by the roadside. If you get it you must take the thorns. . . The grand old party conventions in Holt county once rated page one, column one. On page six is a brief story of the latest county gathering of republicans, a faithful group numbering 15. Mrs. Cole of O'Neill having been chosen to head the county central committee and her associate, Mrs. Keating of Atkinson, will doubtless not only inspire the ladies to political activity but jar the male element out of a shameful indifference.

I was worked today for four bits. That's not much. Uncle Sam's leg is pulled for billions by overseas grafters. I will survive parting with the four bits. Just the same, it is humiliating to be worked by a grafter. But when a young gent scarcely able to hobble around incites your sympathy by telling you he is hungry, by mid-afternoon has had nothing to eat today, what can you do but dig up? This young buck encountered today has learned the trick of sucking from the milk of human kindness and works it to a finish.

The president's foreign aid measure got a sizeable sum cut from it in congress. Foreign aid—how about some domestic aid? From ocean to ocean, from Canada to Mexico there are venerable American patriots who should come first in the distribution of the three billions congress sets up as a "foreign aid" handout.

When You and I Were Young . . .

Biglin, Phillips, Keyes on Board

Kramer, Root, Clark Other Members

50 Years Ago Members of the board of supervisors were Biglin, Clark, Keyes, Kramer, Root and Phillips. . . Mrs. David Moler and little granddaughter, Henrietta Moler, left for Marshalltown, Ia., to visit the former's daughter, Mrs. John Huff, and other relatives. . . Thomas J. Granghen of North Bend and Miss Ella L. Earley were married. . . Miss Margaret Hall and Guy Hamilton, with Miss Nellie Skirving as bridesmaid and Clarence Campbell as groomsmen, were married at the home of the bride's parents.

30 Years Ago Dr. Frank Gallagher graduated from St. Louis (Mo.) university. His mother, Mrs. J. P. Gallagher, and the Misses Helen and Hilda attended. . . Mr. and Mrs. James Wiley of Dorsey were completely surprised by friends who arranged a party to help them celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary. . . Mrs. John A. Robertson died at her home north of O'Neill. . . John Brennan of Salt Lake City, Utah, wrote to The Frontier and in his letter he mentioned that "Marie Biglin is holding down a very responsible position here with the Silver King mine."

10 Years Ago Highest temperature recorded during the week was 103. Rain also netted 1.62 inches. . . Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Watson of Amelia celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. . . In a special session 20 new members were received into the Page Methodist church. . . John J. Young of Inman was killed in an auto-truck collision. . . Mrs. William C. Farrand of Dorsey, who was ill more than two years, died at the family home. . . Elaine B. Ruback and Milford H. Coats were married by Rev. Lloyd Mullis.

One Year Ago David R. Waddell, 66, and Frank McShane, 82, of Atkinson were buried. . . Mr. and Mrs. Peter Engler of Stuart celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary with their six sons and other relatives. . . Miss Joelyn Backhaus was graduated from St. Francis school of nursing in Grand Island. The members of the Beautiful Valley Garden club of Chambers answered roll call by wearing hats made of garden vegetables or flowers. . . Miss Iona Ernst and Ivan L. Wayman were married.

Letters to Editor

Jesuit Educational Association Regional Director of Education (Missouri Province) St. Louis, Mo. June 14, 1956

In the issue of May 31, The Frontier carried a letter signed by Geoffrey Galwey, Colonel, U.S.A. (Ret.), inquiring about the enian invasion of Canada led by General John O'Neill. He is interested in securing information either about General O'Neill or about the unsuccessful invasion. My grandfather, John J. McCafferty, wrote a few items about the general and his invasion. Most of the writings of my grandfather are now stored in the archives of the Creighton university in Omaha.

If Colonel Galwey will visit these archives I feel confident he will find some items of information that may prove valuable for his book.

Kindest personal regards. Very sincerely yours, EUGENE F. GALLAGHER, S.J.

Other Dorsey News

The Lucky Clover 4-H club met at the Harold Halstead home Friday evening.

The Dorsey church was the scene of a picnic supper Sunday evening. Not too large an attendance was present.

Art Tomlinson was a business caller in the Dorsey community Saturday.

Mrs. Leroy Kilgore and children of Evansville, Ind., are visiting at her parents, home the R. B. Marston. She arrived here last week and expects to spend some time here visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Howard Churchill and daughters visited at the home of her mother, Mrs. Myrtle Pickering, and with her brothers and sister several days last week. They expected to leave the first of the week for their home in Iowa.

NOTICE TO HOG RAISERS

As a suggestion to the transportation of Hogs to the BUTTE LIVESTOCK MARKET during this severe heat—All truckers would much rather haul in the evening or early mornings. They all have insurance to this Auction and we would be happy to handle the book work for this if only they would have tickets filled at time of loading. The insurance rate is very reasonable, but must be kept up and in order, so the company can check with our books. Speak with your trucker about this—one hog (dead) will pay several years' trucking insurance, so don't take this chance.

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Butte Livestock Market

Miss Kay Johnson Is June Bride

ATKINSON—First Presbyterian church at The Lanson was the scene of the double-ring wedding ceremony of Miss Kay Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Johnson of Atkinson, and James Puckett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Puckett of Atkinson, at 3 p.m., Thursday, June 14. Rev. J. Olen Kennell, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of O'Neill, performed the ceremony.

Audrey Coxbill was organist and Kay Schmadke of Newman Grove sang "The Lord's Prayer," "O, Perfect Love" and "O, Promise Me."

The church was decorated with white daisies, pink peonies and roses, with white candles at the altar. The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a floor-length gown of imported rosepoint lace and nylon tulle over slipper satin. The princess-style lace bodice was fashioned with a Sabrina neckline scattered with sequins and tiny seed pearls. The long sleeves tapered to a deep point over the wrists. The full bouffant skirt, worn over hoops, was fashioned with a peplum and wide panel of lace extending down the front, and tiers of nylon ruffles flowing from the sides.

Her fingertip veil of French silk laces was held by a double crown studded with iridescent pearls. She carried a bouquet of pink roses with lilies-of-the-valley. Jeanene Johnson, sister of the bride, was maid-of-honor. Lois Puckett and Janice Wardman served as bridesmaids. They wore dresses of pink crystaletta. A bias extending around the highline into a deep point in the back and finished with a bow, trimmed the full gathered skirt, which was attached to a lowered waistline. The bodice featured a draped neckline covering the shoulders. Their hats of matching color were pearl crowns and illusion veils.

The flowergirls were Sheryl Harley and Debbie Waldo, who wore identical dresses of pink crystaletta, fashioned similar to those of the bridesmaids. They carried baskets of pink daisies. Dean McConnell, cousin of the bridegroom, was bestman. Don Frickel of Atkinson, a friend of the bridegroom, and Carl Friedrich of Spencer, a cousin of the bride, served as groomsmen. Ushers were Lyle Lemmer and Roland Everett, both of Atkinson. Candlelighters were Karen Johnson, Carolyn Frickel, Darlene Friedrich and Beverly Little. They wore ballerina-length dresses of pink crystaletta, fashioned with a long torso waist, and trimmed with tiny pearls.

The bride's mother wore an aqua print silk dress with white accessories and the bridegroom's mother served as a navy silk shantung dress with white accessories. Both had corsages of pink roses. A reception for 300 guests was held in the church basement. Mrs. James Ramsay cut the wedding cake; Mrs. Charles Shane and Mrs. Murray Mellor were in charge of the gifts, and Mrs. Eugene Schmit, the guest book. For traveling, the bride chose



Mrs. James Puckett, nee Kay Johnson . . . wed at Atkinson. —O'Neill Photo Co.

an aqua and beige pongee dress with an aqua linen jacket and beige accessories. They will be at home on a ranch south of Emmet. The bride is a graduate of the Atkinson public school and attended the Wayne State Teachers college. She has taught school the past year. The bridegroom was graduated from the Atkinson public school and has been employed by his father on a ranch south of Emmet.

Stuart News

Mr. Switalski and son, Bruce, of Riverton, Wyo., visited last week with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McGrew, and her aunt, Miss Minnie Haskins. They were enroute to Wisconsin for vacation.

Diane and Gregory Getman of Norfolk returned home Friday with their parents after spending 10 days with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McGrew. Mr. and Mrs. Tom McKinley and sons of Minneapolis, Minn., visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Jack McGrew and Miss Minnie Haskins. Mr. McKinley is a nephew of Mr. McGrew and they were enroute to California to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Scott and son, Gregg, of Lincoln spent Father's day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Obermire, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caldwell and children, Barbara, Mike and Dan, of Sunny Side, Wash., arrived here Wednesday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moses, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Vorce entertained at dinner Sunday for their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Vorce and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Harmon. They also helped little Sheryl Kay Vorce celebrate her third birthday anniversary.

Rebekah Lodges Hold 54th Reunion

INMAN—Mr. and Mrs. Karl Keyes, Miss Mildred Keyes, Mrs. L. F. Kopecky, Mrs. M. E. Smith and Mrs. James M. McMahan drove to Norfolk Friday where they attended the 54th annual session of the Rebekah lodges of district 29 in the ballroom of the Hotel Madison. Miss Mildred Keyes gave the response to the address of welcome and Mrs. Karl Keyes acted as delegate from Arbutus Rebekah lodge and read the report. Mrs. Kopecky was district musician and Mrs. McMahan was chairman of the auditing committee.

Mrs. Smith was appointed district chaplain for the coming year. The next meeting will be at Chambers.

Other Inman News

C. C. Hackett of Chamberlain, S.D., spent the weekend in the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Morsbach here. He returned home Sunday afternoon accompanied by Mrs. Elizabeth Morsbach, who will spend some time in the Hackett home at Chamberlain. Mrs. Walter Jacox of Minturn, Colo., spent last week here visiting with friends. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wolfe

and family of Amelia spent Sunday here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McGraw. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kruegar and family have moved the past week to Carson, Ia., where they will be employed on a farm. Miss Beverly Smith is spending the summer months in Sterling, Colo., where she is employed.

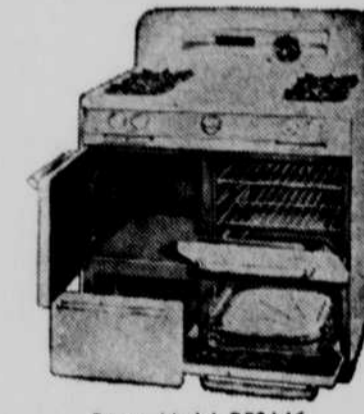
Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Clark drove to Sioux City on Wednesday, June 13, where they met their daughter and two granddaughters, Mrs. Roy Tjissen and daughters of Maywood, Ill., who will spend a couple of weeks in the Clark home. Arbutus Rebekah lodge met Wednesday evening at the IOOF hall for their regular meeting. Mrs. Hazel Lorenz, noble grand, was in charge. Plans were completed for the district meeting. Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Smith were hostesses for the evening and served lunch.

Mrs. James M. McMahan attended a stated meeting of Symphony chapter OES in O'Neill on Thursday evening.

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Editorial

Paying the Fiddler

Millions of people in this country read or heard with a distinct shock the announcement by the board of education in St. Paul, Minn., that it had been forced to eliminate music, athletics and many other activities and subjects from the curriculum.

The board insisted it had no alternative since it was unable to carry on a program beyond the fundamentals because of its financial situation.

A storm of protest arose. If we demand increased services and opportunities from our government we must expect to pay for them. Educators and certain elements of the public demanding more-and-more extras can lead to only one end—and it has happened in St. Paul.

The progressives in the educational field who lean strongly on the extras at the expense of fundamentals are only beginning to reap the harvest. High percentages of Nebraska high school graduates can't hurdle college entrance without refreshers in the three "R's."

Much of the blame belongs to the educators themselves. Teachers' colleges fill their students with a myriad of ideas on how to teach and not enough about the subjects they are going to teach. Many of the state's best teachers have been purged from the profession because they refuse to devote summers to college classrooms studying gimmicks that make for higher accreditation. At the same time the so-called higher accreditation is producing poorer equipped high school graduates.

It's high time to examine the whole educational picture. We're not suggesting the dropping of music, athletics, vocational agriculture, home economics, etc., from the high school curriculums. But we are suggesting they be kept in proper perspective—secondary subjects. High school graduates first should be trained how to reason and to exercise good judgment; secondly, how to tout a horn or to wail.

So much theoretical emphasis is placed on the extras nowadays the products of small high schools aren't supposed to know very much. This brings us around to the case of the two-grade Amelia high school (and all other two-and-four-grade small high schools similarly situated).

A check of the records of Amelia students entering Atkinson high school for the junior and senior years reveals no lag in scholastic attainment. (Most Amelia students go to Atkinson to finish high school.) Thirty Amelia students in the past nine years finished Atkinson high in the upper one-third of the class, and none was below average.

News filler: The army says that during World War II the food it shipped to its men weighed a total of 10 times as much as the men who ate it. Reed O'Hanlon of the Blair Pilot-Tribune offered this comment: "We were personally acquainted with several of these chowhounds."

Precious Water

(From Grand Island Independent)

The future uses of water require all thinking people to stare and think! Water is precious and must be guarded.

State regulation of surface and underground water is shaping up more rapidly than many realize. This requires that all of us must be alerted and make proper preparation. Merely hiding one's head will not answer the questions, nor shape proper legislation. Each locality in our state has problems inherent to itself—our soil conditions make this true, so it is vital that control, if it must come as no doubt it will, should be organized around smaller local boards who live with and know their needs and problems.

There are those that advocate the expansion of federal control of waters within the boundaries of the various states. This requires that aggressive action be maintained to offset this encroachment of state rights.

Many persons within the boundaries of Nebraska are interested in various phases of the water problems. They have formed numerous groups and organizations to sponsor their particular needs. To meet the problems that confront the great majority, in state regulations, federal regulations and matters of diversion there is a very apparent need for an organization that can bring together the many and give concerted effort on the larger and sometimes hidden dangers that only unity can hope to overcome.

Daffynition: Adulthood—temporary stage during brief transition from first to second childhood.

The hardest tumble a man can take is to fall over his own bluff.



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