

Prairieland Talk

Where Are McLaughlins, Darrs?

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LINCOLN—She stood yesterday—election day—near the entrance to a city polling place, handing out cards. Speaking to her we fell into a friendly conversation, learning that her name was McLaughlin.



Romaine Saunders

So memories of other days, of other McLaughlins, were revived. A family by that name lived in O'Neill, one of the girls becoming the wife of the late John Harmon, who long served as clerk of the district court, and Mrs. Harmon being the mother of the late Emmet Harmon. Mary McLaughlin was one of composers when the type at The Frontier was set by hand.

Walk the streets of O'Neill today and call at home. You can count on one hand the families of covered wagon and saddle horse days. From where came the thousands now making up the throbbing life of O'Neill, and where are the McLaughlins and the Hagertys and the Darrs and the Adams and their descendants?

The days, the years, the decades come and pass away and strangers walk where once the footsteps of our friends and neighbors trod.

An organization promoting the ten-mile tax has threatened to bring legal action against the organized group that opposed the measure by page ads and radio speeches, claiming this group misstated facts. Well, what would be an election campaign without the exaggerated claims and false statements of opposing factions?

The morning of November 2 the story of raging blizzards sweeping across western prairieland from the Dakotas to southern Kansas. It was in mid-October in the year of 1881 that a blizzard visited the prairie country that broke some ranchers in Holt county, their herds in some instances being completely wiped out, nothing but the hides saved. The cowboys jerked the hides from the dead critters with a rope snubbed to the horn of their saddle. Again in 1888, on January 12, the great blizzard of all time took a toll of live stock and a few of our people. Then on May 1, 1914, a snow and wind storm hit the A-T ranch of the Beaver valley in Wheeler county, and some of the A-T cattle drifted into a little lake and were drowned. A horse can survive a blizzard out in the open country, but cows and steers are soon licked.

The white collar class is usually the first to feel the pinch of the high cost of living; this was so in the twenties but the white collar class hasn't done much about it.

It is reported that there are still a few Democrats down in Missouri.

Editorial

Keeping 'Em Down on Farm

Guest editorial by Bill Cox of Pierce County leader

A group of Pierce county folks are moving to a dairy area in Wisconsin. The first question that pops into a person's mind is—"Why are so many farms available in this area of Wisconsin?"

This question was asked of one of the Pierce county farmers moving to Wisconsin and the answer was as follows:

Older men are retiring from the farms and as they send their children to college they have no one in the family to hand the farm down to as the young folks do not want to return to dairying or farming after graduation.

First thought the answer was logical... during the war years and following the war dairying was very profitable. . . and a farmer making a good income would want to give his children the best education he could afford so all the boys went to college and probably the girls, too.

So after four years of college the young folks fail to return to the farm. Stop and think of the young folks whose folks were farmers and were able to send their children through college.

It's amazing when you check into your own circle of acquaintances and see how few returned to the farm after graduating from college.

What is the answer? As this country strives to make higher education available to everyone. . . will there be a day when no one wants to farm? Everybody can't live in the cities. . . someone has to raise the food for this nation.

What is the cause? Why does four years of college convince 99 percent of the young people that life in the city is best?

It's difficult to say. But does college teach that all other ways of earning a livelihood are better than farming?

What will be the final result? High schools teach farming (FFA) and colleges are established for agriculture such as in Lincoln—but only a small portion of the graduates turn their talents to farming. Most graduates turn to teaching or industry directly connected with farming.

Where will the farmer of 1970 come from? What's your guess?

A Tizzy Among the Lords

A tizzy was narrowly averted in the house of lords in London recently when debate in parliament was begun on a bill concerning hotel proprietors.

It seems a ruckus almost developed when Lord Conesford had the audacity to disagree with H. W. Fowler, the author of the book "Modern English Usage," on the use of an "an" or an "a."

It seems that Lord Conesford thought that a bill about hotel proprietors should be titled, "An hotel proprietors bill." Mr. Fowler had supported the title—"A hotel proprietor bill." Conesford said however, the article "an" came before an aspirated "h" when the first syllable of the word was unaccented.

But there was no general agreement on the point, and a delicate situation was narrowly averted when it was decided to skip both the "a" and the "an."

In the end, the bill was titled, "The hotel proprietors bill." A major crisis was averted, and the English language left intact, such as it is.

Post Mortem

Guest editorial by Bill Mortem in the Nance County (Fullerton) Journal. We'd enjoy listening to the political oratory more if some of the candidates didn't include quite

Social Security—an idea originated in England, now popular with Americans. I had occasion to visit today the social security office functioning on the fourth floor of one of Lincoln's tall buildings. Men with greying locks and wrinkled chins, ladies with ill-concealed age were there that day to see what their chances were for a monthly social security check. The office force, too, on the pay roll—for the most part in swivel chairs at desks, a foot parked up over one knee, hands idly clasped together at the back of their heads and lounging at ease in the chair. A pleasant lady at a desk answered telephone calls and attending to the venerable citizens that were coming in seemed to be only one of the office force at work.

Nebraska "soil bankers" get over nine million of the nearly 140 million dollars American farmers have received from the federal government for turning farm lands over to tumble weeds and sandbars.

A baby born to a couple living in a snow-bound region of prairieland when dad did the part of doctor and midwife rated 30-point two column headlines in state papers. Maybe that is a new thing to the moderns, but grandpa can tell today of times he acted as nurse and "delivery doc" on such occasions when hospitals were unknown only in a few large cities. A wife, a mother who herself was born a September night more than 40 years ago far out on prairieland where there were neither doctors or nurses, does about as well along life's highway as those who came into the world silver spoon fashion.

A bright November day, clean life-giving air and sunshine over prairieland. Will the hand of man toying with the elements of nature touch a forbidden spring that may envelope not only peaceful prairieland but the world in a consuming fire. Science learned a century ago that Earth's atmosphere is composed of gases that if separated the air we breath would be at once transformed into flaming fire, encircling the globe with 15-mile high flames. Searching for more deadly things to kill, shall a destroying hand yet be laid on the secret of earth's atmosphere?

The United States, in spite of giving away billions, seems to be losing allies in various parts of the world, proving that the dollar is not everything after all.

The little town of Waterloo down in Douglas county has a Gazette, the editor about the only one of the 270 odd editors in Nebraska who thought he could afford a trip to Europe to look the Russians in the face. He has been telling Gazette readers about it. Is there one left around O'Neill who recalls when James H. Riggs was editor and publisher of The Frontier? Editor Riggs started the Waterloo Gazette after leaving O'Neill before the present editors of The Frontier and The Gazette were born.

so much territory in their rebuttal arguments. A candidate says the opposition party is responsible for some certain undesirable situation. Ah opposition spellbinder then breaks loose to declaim: "This is the most unfair statement that has ever been uttered by anybody, anywhere, in the entire history of the two-party system in this country."

A political orator defends the action of his political compatriots in congress in passing certain legislation. Now listen to the defense: "Since the dawn of time there has never been a more vicious, a more dishonest, a more tragic law passed by any lawmaking body on the face of the earth."

'Modern Republicanism'

President Eisenhower proclaims that the country voted for his brand of "modern republicanism"—and that's the why of his tremendous vote in last week's general election.

However, in key senatorial races—Oregon, Kentucky, Colorado, others—where Ike had gone all-out in the interest of electing "modern republicans", they lost ground to democrats.

Add to that the defeats of old guard and "modern" republicans in the house and Ike will have to work with a not too friendly capitol hill.

Ike's sweep was a personal victory—a tremendous one—but the demos made gains in the senate and in the house.

It would appear, therefore, that "modern republicanism" took it on the chin. War scares, and Adall's bloomers clinched it for Ike and Dick's hard-hitting in 38 states certainly helped.

Rumblings in East Germany

Communist secret police are probably nowhere more alerted and more busy to head off trouble than in East Germany. An announcement by Col. Hans Bormann, head of the state security service, at the height of the Hungarian revolt indicated the extent of apprehension there.

His organization then arrested 73 persons whom it charged with being Western spies or secret agents bent on fomenting unrest. The hollowness of such charges has been illustrated in Poland and Hungary. Disregarding the instinctive Soviet propaganda reaction, responsive national governments acknowledged that the revolts which took place in their countries stemmed from genuine, deep-seated grievances on the part of the people and needed no agitation or plotting from outside.

Who would like to be a Communist official in Eastern Europe these days?

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When You and I Were Young

Ex-O'Neillite Buys American Clock

Plans to Manufacture Slot Device

50 Years Ago

H. O. Jackson, formerly an insurance man at O'Neill, has purchased the American Clock company for 100-thousand-dollars. Mr. Jackson recently patented a mechanical slot machine device for automatically writing accident insurance policies. American Clock will be enlarged to turn out Jackson's machine. A marriage license was issued to Charles A. Grass and Myrtle Sarchet, both of O'Neill, and William F. Sexton and Anna Bentley, both of O'Neill. Beatrice Pauline, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Enright, died.

20 Years Ago

The O'Neill recreative association was formed for the purpose of young and old to participate in some activity of their interest. Art King was selected director; Roberta Arbuthnot, C. D. Putnam, Charles Yarnall, C. D. King, Elizabeth Gallagher and Elmer Stoite, are executive committee. Music, art, hobbies, metal work, wood work, Alabaster work, wood carving, leather holing, taxidermy, recreational games and athletic games are some of the activities planned. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crawford at Spencer. Mrs. Crawford is the former Zeldia Henfin.

One Year Ago

Among the deaths: Walter Snyder, 82, and Frank A. Belik, 68, both of Page; Peter Thiele, 59, of Clearwater; Mrs. Donald Rzezo-tarski, 21, of Atkinson; Ernest Egger, 53, of Lewistown, Mont.; Pat McCart, 74, of Oelrichs, S. D.; Mrs. George Dwyer, 57, the former Ella Shoemaker of Elkhorn; C. C. ("Cal") McElvain of Farmont and John ("Jack") Foreman, 71, of Couer d'Alene, Ida.

Reverend Smith, Family Leave Here. Rev. E. G. Smith, pastor of Christ Lutheran church at O'Neill and Emmanuel Lutheran church at Atkinson for the past three years, left O'Neill Tuesday. He has been appointed a first lieutenant in the army and will serve as chaplain. He reports to duty at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. Rev. John Rath of Spencer will serve as vacancy pastor.

O'NEILL LOCALS. The Dwayne and Dwight Philbrick families held a pre-Thanksgiving dinner Sunday at Dwayne Philbrick home for their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Philbrick of Stuart. They are leaving for Rapid City, S. D. Visiting over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Waring were their grandchildren, Mickey, Rodney and Barry Heiss of Page while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Heiss and Janice visited in Lincoln. Mrs. Dave Burk and daughters of Ewing visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Watson from Friday until Sunday. Mr. Burk came Sunday to take them home. Saturday night callers of Mr. and Mrs. Robert White were her sister Mrs. Willa Schollmeyer and son, Barty, her brother, Gary Wilson of Redbird and Dale Ratliff of Atkinson. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wilson and family visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Mell Elofson and family at Wayne Sunday.

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Celia News

Duane Beck, LeRoy Hoffman, Ray Gotschall and Bob Slaymaker went coon hunting Saturday night and got 3 coons. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Colfack were Tuesday evening visitors at the Charles Dobias home. Rev. Barnett was a Friday afternoon visitor at the Hans Lauridsen home. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Anderson and family were Sunday afternoon and supper guests at the Milton McKathnie home. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dobias and sons were Sunday evening supper guests at the Emil Colfack home. Mr. and Mrs. George Mintle and family and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Mintle were Sunday dinner guests at the Hans Lauridsen home. Mr. and Mrs. Hans Lauridsen and sons were Saturday O'Neill visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. William Spann were Friday afternoon visitors at the Roy Pease home. Mr. and Mrs. Duane Beck and Sheryl attended a surprise get together of the various Mrs. Joe Mlinar families at the Dwayne Lockman home in Stuart Sunday. The occasion was the Lockman's 25th anniversary which occurred Saturday, November 10. Others present were Mrs. Joe Mlinar, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mlinar, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Mlinar, Mr. and Mrs. George Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Al Smith and family, all of Atkinson; Mrs. Tony Lockman, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Battenhorst and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson of Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Quigley and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Quigley and Mr. and Mrs. Christensen all of Omaha. Frank Kilmury helped Emil Colfack Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Focken and family were Sunday dinner guests at the Eugene Poesnecker home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hajek and son, Gerald, of St. Louis, Mo., arrived Sunday afternoon for a visit with her cousin William Maloun and family. Glen Sorenson visited the David Rahn family Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Hammer-

berg were Sunday dinner guests at the William Maloun home. Rev. Curtis Barnett and Alex Forsythe were Wednesday afternoon visitors at the Clarence Focken home. Frontier for printing!

It Happened In NEBRASKA---



Most frontiersmen—hunters and Indian scouts—adopted the buckskin garb of the Indians. Not only were these tanned deer and antelope skins comfortable and long-wearing, they provided ideal camouflage in creeping up on wild animals or Indians. But when buckskin got wet and was removed, it shrank and dried stiff as wood!

Discomfort is little known to us in these days of pleasant living! One such pleasure is a cool, refreshing glass of beer. At home or away, beer always tastes so good . . . and is so right to serve when friends drop in. Always keep it on hand for a gracious "hello"!

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