

PrairieLand Talk

Who Inspired These Monuments

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, Retired, Former Editor The Frontier

LINCOLN—A friend in O'Neill who comes from pioneer Holt county stock writes to me expressing his interest and recounting activities to ascertain who may have been the inspiring spirit back of community institutions that have grown up through the years.

He has learned that O'Neill enjoys an outstanding library "institution" because of devoted efforts to secure a public library in the community on the part of Miss Anna O'Donnell. She, too, comes from pioneer stock, her parents opening the first hotel in O'Neill, Miss O'Donnell was one of the active promoters of fine new public school buildings.



Romaine Saunders

Miss O'Donnell served many years on the city school board. Rev. M. F. Cassidy promoted the founding of St. Mary's academy and the Academy Dramatic group furnished funds for the construction of dramatic performances that drew large crowds. Of that group the only one now in O'Neill is Mrs. Charles Stout.

Perhaps my friend who writes from a monument stands. The Knights of Columbus were responsible for the K. C. hall, T. V. Golden for a modern hotel, Archie Bowen for the fine building on Douglas street that is occupied by the Ben Franklin dime store, the Old Fellow lodge for a building on Fourth street and O. F. Biglin and D. H. Cronin the buildings to the south of it on the same street.

Just how many of the 528 proposed measured dropped into the legislative hopper this session of the state legislature will be passed and approved as laws remains to be seen. Many of these are of merit, others important only to the senator that framed the bill. The bill that if enacted into law will give the state an elected superintendent of education instead of the present board will no doubt meet with approval throughout the state.

I now demand a salute. Gov. Victor E. Anderson sent PrairieLand Talker by mail today, gold seals, blue and orange ribbons and all a richly engraved state document commissioning me an Admiral of Nebraska's Great Navy. So if you should see me floating up the Elkhorn in a battleship take off your hats. I don't know that the governor could select one who knows less about directing the movements of a navy vessel, but my commission provides that "all officers, seamen, tadpoles, goldfish under his command be obedient to his orders as Admiral." So I take the exalted seat on deck resolved to see that our great navy retains its good standing enjoyed in the past.

A "poor farmer" of southern Nebraska, with his cultured wife, has taken off on a winter visit to friends in Missouri, Texas and may mingle with the throngs in sunny southern California before returning to their country estate a two-hour drive from the capital city.

Editorial

Keep Power by Spending

"They say, 'You cannot cut taxes, you cannot end or minimize Korean losses. You cannot stop inflation. What kind of stuff is that—don't and can't? Of course, we can and will!'" These words were spoken by Candidate Eisenhower on October 22, 1952, in his first election campaign. They have been disinterred in the past several weeks and made a challenge to conservatives on Capitol Hill, who contrast Ike's former invigorating attitude with his present surrender to new dealism and illimitable spending.

The fact is—so say those who mingle with senate leaders of both parties—that a strong behind-the-scenes bipartisan effort is under way to plan ways and means of cutting the Eisenhower budget.

Sen. Harry Byrd (D-Va.) claims it could be cut \$4 or \$5 billion and he said so publicly Sunday. Byrd and GOP Leader Styles Bridges are said to be working together very closely just now.

While the Byrd figure is regarded as rather hopeful, there are some in the know who say, "Don't be surprised if they cut it by \$3.5 billion." There looms the possibility that many senators may support a motion to send the budget back to the budget bureau with a request for drastic cutting. This bipartisan development is aided by the flood of mail from constituents demanding economy.

Nebraska's own Sen. Roman Hruska (R) sounded off with very serious misgivings about the overwhelming budget bill is pressing for. Meanwhile, at a weekend meeting in Chicago, a group of all-line republicans gathered at a rally at the Abraham Lincoln National Republican club.

Senator Jenner (R-Ind.), former Sen. Welker of Idaho, former Gov. J. Bracken Lee of Utah and Sen. McCarthy (R-Wisc.) called for slashes in spending.

Senator Jenner, commenting on fiscal policy, said: "This new American government (Eisenhower new republicanism) has one object—to keep itself in power in spending."

Mr. Welker recalled the 1956 campaign slogan and said: "We are told we have peace and prosperity. I haven't seen any peace, and I wonder if this funny money is prosperity!"

What Byrd, Bridges, Jenner, Welker, Lee and McCarthy are talking about points up what The Frontier has trumpeted for some time.

There should be a coalition of conservative democrats and conservative republicans jointly operating under the banner of a conservative party. Let the free wheelers in both GOP and demo ranks be the liberals.

Otherwise, a few years from now, there might be a resurgence of the democratic party as the conservative order and the do-gooding "new republicanism" will go down—and out—as liberals.

Such an about-face would be too much!

More on Redistricting

Guest Editorial, Bill Plourd in Nance County Journal, Fullerton

State Sen. Hal Bridenbaugh of Dakota City has introduced a bill in the Nebraska legislature to submit a constitutional amendment permitting

February. Again we lift the curtain and look down the highway of time. There on memory's screen unrolls the tragic picture of a cold February night in 1884, the night Kid Wade was taken from Sheriff Ed Hershiser by the vigilantes and hung to a whistling post near Bassett in what was then Brown county.

Wade had been in the custody of a fine fellow from Brown county and was turned over to the sheriff of Holt county to be brought to O'Neill for trial on charges of being a horse thief. The vigilantes got into the picture fearing some of them would be involved in like charges if Wade got into court. Ten years later the remaining members of that organization, in December, 1894, hung Barrett Scott at the Whiting bridge on the Niobrara. Scott, who had been county treasurer, was the original "new dealer"—handed out county funds to help some facing tough times, the latter day "new dealers" hand out federal funds.

The one goes down in history as a benefactor of mankind; the other as a criminal hung for his crimes. Death still stalks the land, now on highways, streets and in the air—and the killer goes on his way as did those who strung up Wade and Scott.

This out of mid February, 1906: W. R. Butler was on a business trip to Rock and Brown counties. Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Adams were visiting in Dixon, Ill. Dr. Flynn reported a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Lockard. Frank Mann, Mike Sullivan and Pat O'Donnell were down from Tomlinson to see the home folks. C. B. Scott was over at Butte in connection with his work as court reporter. Dr. Gilligan reported the birth of a baby girl at the Herman Oeber home north of town. Fred Barnett was the new owner and operator of the Cress restaurant, John O'Maley was to become manager of the Nye-Snyder elevator. Hay McClure came up from the ranch via Ewing.

Eyes wet, sorrow laden, horror haunted, a 30-year-old mother of three sits this last day of January in a gloomy cell in the Lancaster county jail. Some where along the highway the radiant glow of life's guiding star for that woman went out, enveloping her in trouble as a cloud. After a day of battle of words she killed the man she had married. He lies under the sod, she to face a charge of murder, and the children entering upon life with such a heritage. What should have been a happy home on Calvert street now a desolated house, no football heard going from room to room, no childish laughter. When the moral and spiritual vision becomes clouded irresponsible acts follow. And the law takes over.

The sunrise burns across the sky—Arise from the couch on which you lie. The call comes from heaven's flaming tower, 'Tis once again the waking hour!

Activities of day have now begun To keep us going 'till set of sun. Everywhere footsteps on the go—Paddy and Mike, Tom and Joe.

We hear their footsteps along the way Inspired by love for Mary, Kate and Mae! And little Sam and Jim and Jack That they will have lads upon their back.

the people to vote on abolishing the state board of education.

Under the present plan, the board, elected by the people, appoints a commissioner of education and sets his salary. The Bridenbaugh amendment would abolish the board and provide for the election of a state superintendent of public instruction by the people.

This was the plan formerly in effect in Nebraska until the people voted in the new state board plan. The senator says the new plan has made the office of state school executive less responsible to the people, and that he thinks it would be better to return to the old plan.

Some commentators say this would be "a backward step." It might be, but we can't imagine an executive elected by the people coming out for a thing like the unpopular K-12 proposal to force all schools into consolidations regardless of their own wishes.

Unless the present system is careful not to abuse the privileges the people have given it, and unless it keeps in mind the fact that public officials are the servants and not the masters of the people, it will be inviting a change back to the old system that has a direct responsibility to the voters.

In order to force school redistricting, the "accréditment" of some of the state's smaller town schools is being threatened by the powers that be. Maybe some of these schools would be smarter if, instead of quarreling with any rural people who are unwilling candidates for financing new town school buildings, they shifted their attack to those who are ruling now that a school must be big to be efficient.

How Much Is a Billion?

A fellow the other day gave us an elementary accounting of how much money is a billion dollars.

It runs like this: If you started in business or in farming in the year 2000 B. C., and lost \$1,000 a day EVERY DAY, you would still have 750 years to go before going broke.

When a person is no longer anxious to do better than well enough, he's done for.

When you throw mud at someone you're the one who is losing ground.

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When You and I Were Young...

Sign of Spring;

Whiskers Come Off

Dave Grovesnor Is

Minus Thatch

50 Years Ago Timothy Hanley, aged father of T. D. Hanley of the drug firm of Pixley and Hanley, died. Two signs of spring: One woman had her carpets and curtains on the line and Dave Grovesnor had his whiskers removed. A newly-married bookkeeper said to his wife, "I wish you could make bread like mother." The young wife smiled and retorted, "Well, John, I wish you could make the dough that father used to make." The subject was never brought up again. Mrs. Lewis and Walter, also, Frank Haynes and wife, were visitors at James Garins home.

20 Years Ago An Archery club was added to the recreation association. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Puckett and Jimmy were in Emmet for the first time in a month because of the snow. Champion Devall is fast becoming the martinet gum-chewer, or was it paper wads? Mrs. Larry Coleman entertained the EOT club. Winners were Miss Edna Simonson, Mrs. Ralph McElvain, Mrs. Glenn Saunders and Mrs. W. J. Schendt.

10 Years Ago Miss Corinne Kubitschek was crowned queen of the Mardi Gras at Duchesne college in Omaha. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Tomlinson have a little daughter, weighing 6 1/4 pounds. Deaths: Lee Calkins, 55, of Ewing; Mrs. Pete Brown of Chambers. Celebrating his 93rd birthday anniversary was Charles Fauquier. Clarence Ernst is the new farm bureau president; Ora Yarges of Stuart, vice president; Mabel Hammerberg of Atkinson, secretary, and Glen White of Amelia, treasurer.

One Year Ago Deaths: Mrs. Mabel Krotter, 82, of Stuart; L. L. Keeler, 75, of Anoka; Otto Butler, 64, of Niobrara; Edward Joslin, 82. Marriages: Miss Jacqueline A. Hoke and Donald D. Kloppenborg; Miss Emma Jean Tomlinson and Jack Hawk.

Redistricting Study to Be Conducted

The Holt county rural school redistricting committee met last week at the assembly room of the courthouse with all members present.

Lyle Dierks of Ewing was elected chairman and Harry Mitchell of Atkinson, vice-chairman, for the coming year. It was decided to have a Holt county re-organization study made of the county schools some time during the year.

Other members of the committee are George Collins of Atkinson, Howard Oberle of Dorsey, Pete Frahm of Amelia, Frank Schmidt of Page and Miss Alice French of O'Neill.

Choufani to Return to Native Lebanon

CHAMBERS—Shakib Choufani went to Omaha with Frank Porter to make arrangements to return by plane to Beirut, Lebanon, Asia Minor. Mr. Choufani, a nephew of Joe Daas of Chambers, came to the United States in September 1956. He has been with relatives in Nebraska and worked for a time at Lansing, Mich.

Chambers Polio Drive Brings in \$277.94

CHAMBERS—The polio drive here totaled \$277.94. School collections amounted to \$28.54; clubs and organizations, \$21; mothers' march, \$95; individual contributions, \$9.50; coffee hour, \$22.74; peanut sale, \$30.26; bake sale, \$46.50; coin collectors, \$13.30; theater collection, \$11.10.

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By MRS. MERRILL ANDERSON

Lots of folks peruse The Frontier with special interest in the many farm sales. This was the way a sale was billed March 1, 1840 down in O' Virginia: Having sold my farm, am leaving for Oregon territory by team. Will offer for sale as follows: All ox teams, except Ben and Buck, Tom and Jerry. Two milch cows. Grey mare and colt. Pair of oxen yoke. Iron plow with mold board. 550 fence rails, 10-ft. 60-gal. soap kettle. 10-gals. maple syrup. 20-lbs. mutton tallow. 300 hoop poles. 20-gals. Johnson-Miller whiskey. 32-gals. apple cider. 40-gal. copper still. Oak tan leather. Dozen real hicks. Dozen wooden pitch forks. 32-calibre rifle. 50-gals. soft soap. 6 head of fox hounds, all smooth mouth except one. At the same time, I will sell six Negro slaves—two men, 35- and 40-years-old; two boys, two Mulatto women, 40-years-old. I will not separate them. Terms on sale. Plenty to eat and drink.

O'Neill News

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Bartak and Mrs. Anna Savidge of Ewing visited the Harry Savidges here. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Miller were near Royal Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Curtis. Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Nelson were in Adrian and Worthington, Minn., for the week-end, where they visited relatives and friends.

Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. George Janousek and Mr. and Mrs. William Mattern attended the community concert, The Boston Pops orchestra, in Grand Island.

Wednesday, February 6, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Jones were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hull and son, Claude, of Niobrara.

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Jim and Greg Janousek, children of the George Janouseks, are expected home Sunday from Columbus, where they spent two weeks with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hile.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hull came Saturday and they and Mr. and Mrs. Preston Jones visited their mother, Mrs. Sarah (Grandma) Hull.

Other Ewing News

Merton Dierks has enrolled for the second semester at the Kansas State college at Manhattan and has begun his studies there.

Merle Lee of Omaha brought his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lee, home from Omaha where

they had spent the week visiting him and his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Latzel and children of Omaha were weekend guests at the home of his father, Perry Saisler.

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