

Prairieland Talk

Poor Wheat Farmer on Tour

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LINCOLN—I met and talked today with two strangers from other states—the first one encountered being a polished young gentleman from one of the large cities in Texas, who had come to our capital city to impart spiritual instruction to the thousand students of Union college, who have come from far places of earth to obtain an education.

My visit with him for a few minutes brought me the information that he is a nephew of a friend of mine of other years and bygone memories.

The other one met with stood out in marked contrast to the polished gentleman—a "poor farmer" from North Dakota, a native of Russia who is happy now to be in America out of reach of the Reds. A poor Dakota wheat farmer who had been on a trip to New York, Washington, D. C., Florida and was headed for Walla Walla, Wash., where he was taking his daughter, who is a nurse. He planned to take it back to his Dakota farm by mid-April to plant the spring wheat, and was taking off as soon as the automobile mechanics finished going over his car.



Romaine Saunders

The last time I saw him, he sat in the lobby of a hotel in the capital city where he had come to intercede in behalf of a citizen of his community in the picturesque northern regions of Holt county who had been doing time in the state prison for real or fancied crimes. It was ever Hugh O'Neill's thoughtful acts that brought renewed courage to the underdog. As I passed the hotel and glanced in at the glass front, there sat Hugh, a notable from Holt county where I soon would be again. A native of Ireland, he had the combative characteristics and resentment of that people when they see a wrong being done to another. He also felt that the fellows who did the hanging should have been strung up in place of their victim, young Kid Wade. Patriot, but against most every thing, he would put even Gus Doyle to the bad in discussing politics or religion. But he met his match in theological subjects when he ran into the late Pastor Ohmart, a freelance preacher who made Hugh hang his head and walk away.

The story came out of dry Oklahoma via radio. His name was Joshua and he stood before the court to answer to a charge of bootlegging. Are you the Joshua that made the sun stand still? The judge asked the prisoner. "No, replied he, "I made the moonshine."

His name is Lybarger. He refused to sell his soul for a job. Serving the city of Lincoln as a fireman, the chief of police ordered that a gun be strapped on the fireman and strut around with a policeman. Lybarger has a conscience, an unusual thing in these modern days; his job was to put out fires, save life and property, not defend the peace and dignity of our capital city. He refused to carry a gun and serve also as a policeman. You're fired! He has taken an appeal and the outcome will be of interest whether the right of conscience goes with the job of fireman.

On the Fink farm down near Page 130 feet underground bones were discovered when boring a well which were sent to the state university at Lincoln and a highbrow, who may have lived about that time, let's us in on it by pronouncing the bones to be those of a "three-toed" horse of four million years ago. We were not there at the time but more than likely the animal was buried there at the time of the world flood about the year 2,350, B. C.

Even the best of 'em stub their toe some time. What his design was in the matter is not clear to this prairie wolf, but President Eisenhower gave the citizens of my great native state of Wisconsin a slap in the face by putting the stamp of social ousting on Senator McCarthy.

High in the distant azure heavens afar the March moon moves in celestial glory across the prairieland sky. I walked last night where its light lay in subdued shadow along the way. The human forms moving in a row their mortal shadows shape as the come and go under the glow of that celestial-illuminated lantern held by the Master of the midnight show. We can not reach a hand to the shining orbs of night but we see with mortal sight that which for the moment carries us out of windswep prairieland.

A gifted writer penned the immortal words that time writes no wrinkles on the ocean's assured brow, such as creation's dawn beheld thou rollest now! Time writes its wrinkles on man's noble brow. Week by week The Frontier tells the story of another husband and wife who have come to their 50th wedding anniversary. Fifty years together, age now dims the vision, writes a wrinkle here and there, but out of memory's treasure store happy moments glow that still unite two souls in love and devotion.

When You & I Were Young... Stilson, Sweet, Purdy Winners Capture Oratorical Honors

50 Years Ago T. V. Golden and Ed Whelan, as judges of the oratorical contest in Atkinson, chose Earl Stilson, first; Ethel Sweet, second; and Heres Purdy, third. Edna Boluss, Miss Brook, Miss Jarvis and Roy Griffin were honorably mentioned. William F. Smith and Mr. Hoxie, the aged father of Henry Hoxie, were buried from the Methodist church. Fred Cronk of Page and Miss Carrie M. French of O'Neill were married. Miss Mayme Armstrong, teacher of Willowdale school, closed a six-month term. She is a good teacher and well liked not only by her pupils but everybody in general.

20 Years Ago Deaths: John Brenston, 63; Daniel Holland, a brother of Mrs. P. C. Donohoe, at David City. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Verne Beckwith, a son. The three youngest children of the John McNallys have been quite ill the past week. Joe Wadsworth of Opportunity and Miss Virginia Lambert of Ewing were married. Mrs. Art Auken and Mrs. Charles Morton entertained the Alpha club at a buffet and card party. Members and their escorts were guests.

10 Years Ago Jean Calloway, O'Neill high senior, was judged the outstanding actress in a play cast presenting one-act plays in Atkinson. Gayl Widfeldt was named among the top five actresses. Deaths: Miss Luciria Shoemaker, 63, of Los Angeles, Calif.; Alfred Howard Bradley, 42, and John Paul Sullivan, 70, a pioneer. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Forbes of Amelia. Mrs. Bridget Swanson has influenza.

One Year Ago Mr. and Mrs. John Gray celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at Page. Mrs. Wayne Smith of Chambers was selected winner in the Albion division for the "Mrs. America" contest. Deaths: Miss Agnes McQuiken of Atkinson and Walter Stein of California, formerly of O'Neill. Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Stearns of Ewing returned from a three-week trip to the South and the Bahama Islands.

K-N Gas Applies for Wholesale Increase

Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Co., Inc., on Friday, March 15, filed an application with the federal power commission asking for an increase in rates for gas it sells at wholesale in Nebraska. The increase would become effective May 1. The proposed increase does not affect customers in O'Neill, Inman, Neligh, Clearwater, Elgin and other cities and towns in the area where Kansas-Nebraska sells natural gas at retail.

To Organize Extension Clubs at Ewing—EWING—A meeting will be held at the Ewing public library at 2 o'clock today (Thursday) for the purpose of organizing home extension clubs in this community.

Mrs. Catherine Indra, Holt county home agent, will be present, give a demonstration and a lesson. "All ladies who are interested are urged to attend," Mrs. Indra said.

Return to O'Neill—STAR—The Ed Tharnish family, formerly of Star have moved to O'Neill from Alliance. They went to Alliance last fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Madura spent an evening recently at the Nels Linguist home.

ROYAL THEATER — O'NEILL —

Thurs. Mar. 21 Family Night ISTANBUL

Where the passions of the East meet the sins of the west in cinemascopic and technicolor starring Errol Flynn, Miss Cornell Borchers with John Bentley, Torin Thatcher, Leif Ericson, Peggy Knudsen, Martin Benson and Na "King" Cole.

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Sun.-Mon.-Tues. Mar. 24-25-26 WRITTEN ON THE WIND

A Universal picture starring Rock Hudson, Lauren Bacall, Robert Stack, Dorothy Malone with Robert Keith, Grant Williams and Harry Shannon. This woman in his arms was now the wife of the man he called his best friend.

Matinee Saturday & Sunday 2:30 Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Friday and Saturday admission—Adults 50c; Children under 12, 12c. Free if accompanied by parent. Wed. and Thurs. Family night, family admitted for two Adult tickets.

Pre-Centennial Affairs at Wayne—Twenty-one Masonic lodges in Knox, Holt, Wayne, Pierce, Cedar and Boyd counties will hold a pre-centennial regional dinner at the city auditorium at Wayne on Friday, March 22, at 6:15 p. m. Wayne Lodge 120, AF & AM will be the host lodge. The occasion will be part of a statewide program in observance of the 100th anniversary of the grand lodge, AF & AM of Nebraska. The formal centennial program will be held from June 2 to 6 at Omaha during the annual communication of the grand lodge.

The meeting will be attended by Masons and their ladies from lodges at Niobrara, O'Neill, Cashion, Wayne, Stuart, Pierce, Harrington, Page, Atkinson, Randolph, Plainview, Bloomfield, Coleridge, Butte, Winside, Osmond, Laurel, Wausa, Spencer, Crofton and Lynch. Principal speaker will be Past Grand Master Charles F. Adams of Aurora.

VanOstrand, Prewitt Leave for Induction

Leaving for military induction Tuesday, March 19 were Elven L. VanOstrand of Ewing and Lynn A. Prewitt of Atkinson. Departing at the same time for physical examinations were Charles E. Atkinson of Chambers and Frederick N. Coats. These men, selective service registrants, left O'Neill by rail.

No Sunday Clothes for Music Pupil

Richard C. Smithson, vocal director at the O'Neill public school, told the children to wear their Sunday clothes to program Friday evening. A little lad retorted: "But I don't have any Sunday clothes, just funeral clothes."

Clergymen Must File Waivers to Qualify

Clergymen wishing to come under social security have until April 15 of this year to file their waivers electing coverage, according to Clifford Kittelson of Norfolk, manager of the Norfolk district social security office. Unless a clergyman files the waiver form 2031, he is exempt from coverage.

St. Teresa Concert Includes O'Neillite

Miss Cathryn Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wilson, and a freshman at St. Teresa college, Winona, Minn., appeared in the Teresian choral concert on Thursday evening, March 14, in the college auditorium. Sister Marie of the music department was director.

Deloit News

Martha Kinney of Elgin spent Sunday at the Maynard Stearns home. The HEO club had a covered dish supper Tuesday evening, March 12, at the St. John's church basement for their husbands and families. Keith Bartak showed colored slides he took while in service in Europe.

Elayne Reimer of Hastings spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reimer. She made the trip by bus.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Baner and family were supper guests at the Ralph Tomjack home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tomjack called at the Frank Miller and Henry Reimers homes Monday evening.

3 Visitors Attend Goldenrod Meet

The Goldenrod extension club of O'Neill held a meeting on "mental health" at the home of Mrs. Mary Tomlinson Wednesday, March 13, at 8 p. m. Fourteen members answered roll call by telling their favorite way to "chase the blues away." Three visitors attended: Mrs. Keith Gispso, Mrs. Donald Cleveland, and Mrs. Robert Pappenheimer.

We were happy to have the home extension agent, Mrs. Orville Indra, at the meeting. She showed a sound movie entitled, "By Jupiter!" a mental health film. The rest of the lesson was given by Mrs. Edwin Sevek and Mrs. Herman Janzing, in the form of a discussion and a mental health quiz.

The health chairman, Mrs. Dick Minton, gave a report on "Mental Patients." Mrs. Jim McDonald presented a report on "Fashions." Mrs. John Schmit read a list of materials needed by the University hospital at Omaha.

Next month's lesson will be in two parts. The first study lesson is a "Visit to United Nations" to be led by Mrs. Sheriff. The second, "Play in The Lives of Young Children," by Mrs. Jim McDonald. Recreation consisted of the "Guess What?"—By Mrs. A. Neil Dawes.

Attend Cancer Society Meeting at Norfolk

Mrs. Edward M. Gallagher, Holt county chairman of the 1957 cancer drive, and Mrs. Frank Froelich, a member of the advisory committee, attended a luncheon in Norfolk Monday, March 4. It was one of a series of meetings conducted by Carl Swanson, public education director of the American Cancer society.

Mrs. L. A. Burgess is the city of O'Neill chairman. Plans are being made for the drive, which will be the latter part of April.



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Editorial

Community Chest Could Work

Comes now a plan to create a community chest in O'Neill and combine all the leadership, energy and resources that can be mustered into one campaign.

The idea was advanced at last week's March meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and a committee was appointed to investigate the workability of such a plan for cities of the O'Neill class. Larger cities, of course, have employed the community chest idea for many years. Some organizations do not care to participate in a community chest plan. They prefer to go it alone.

It would seem to us that if a community chest fund-raising program were to be inaugurated here, the distribution of the work entailed, the broadening of the solicitation and the net results would be quite satisfactory. At least, it's worth a try.

As things now stand, a dozen very worthy projects go it alone, sometimes simultaneously. Leaders who are willing to work on these projects finally wear out and it becomes a great problem to find an individual who will serve in a capacity of leadership.

At the block level, frequently it is the same person rapping doors for each successive drive. We think the community chest idea could be adopted here and it would work. The various agencies would state their quotas to the community chest board, the goal would be fixed, dates would be designated and there would be an all-out effort to make the quota.

Some agencies, as we stated before, would rather go it alone. Nothing would prevent reluctant agencies from doing so, but it would be more satisfactory if all would cooperate.

The Chamber has appointed a committee to study the matter and, at this juncture, we would like to give the community chest plan encouragement. We feel—and hope—it can be implemented and worked out successfully.

Girls Better Drivers

By Bill Cox in the Pierce County Leader The Nebraska insurance commission has decided that girl drivers under 25 years of age are much better drivers than boys under 25 years of age. So parents and young folks who buy auto insurance from now on will find that it costs less for girl drivers than boy drivers in the age group from 16 to 25.

These rates are based on the auto accidents in the past year. A boy between the age of 16 and 25 had been proven as the most dangerous auto operator on the highway today.

A public liability and property damage policy for a car owned or driven by a boy between 16 and 25 will be raised 41 percent.

The Nebraska insurance commission deals only in facts and figures. There is one danger that is perhaps being overlooked: If insurance rates for

these 16 to 25-year-old male drivers reach too great a level there are apt to be too many cars on the road without insurance.

It is true there are state laws that make this dangerous but an annual premium that is too high will cause people to close their eyes to the law and operate without insurance. Then the real danger will start.

It would be wise if the state of Nebraska investigated more deeply into the subject of suspending drivers' licenses. A fine is too often paid and forgotten; a fine plus a suspended driver's license on all auto operators would be much more effective.

For first offense speeding, make a fine and 30 days loss of license automatic; missing a stop sign, a fine and 20 days loss of driver's license, etc. Let second offense double the time of loss of driver's license until the operator is overtaken by the state "point" law and loses his license for a year or more.

Don't leave the question of license suspension up to the courts. Make it mandatory all over the state of Nebraska. Yes, it would cause many hardships but death caused by lawbreakers is the problem faced by the state.

So many of the things we once believed were eternal and unchanging have crumbled into dust, writes Bill Vaughn in the Kansas City Star. It's gratifying to hear that chocolate, vanilla and strawberry are still the popular soda fountain flavors.

As if the new motor cars weren't gaudy enough, along comes March's slush to provide the ultimate chic touch—polka dot windshields. But we love it that way!

Our nomination for the youngest child to have a permanent, a little cutie, age three and one-half months, by the name of Suellyn Caskey. Any younger ones?

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