

Prairieland Talk

Teachers, Nurses Cause No Trouble

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LINCOLN—School teachers and hospital nurses may not be faultless. But what other groups in our conjugated society make as little trouble as our teachers and nurses?

Rarely does one appear before the judge in a court room, other than to secure a marriage license.

Teaching and nursing are the professions served best by the ladies and they make up two groups whose members walk the ways of exemplary conduct.

Kate Mann instructed the small children and her school room was Bartley Blain's Methodist church where the present edifice stands, two blocks east of the O'Neill postoffice.



Romaine Saunders

That was in pioneer days before the schoolhouse was built that preceded the present temple of learning. Other teachers I once knew of instructing O'Neill kids and youth come to mind today: Miss Evans, Agnes Conley, Grace Shanner, Josie Howard and another whose robe of precept and maiden name was laid aside when she became the wife of J. H. Riggs, editor of The Frontier.

Two pioneer teachers of O'Neill's sprouting youth were prefixed by mister—the first, D. P. O'Sullivan, he was replaced by John Blund; Guy Green, who subsequently became a printer, once edited the Dodge Criterion; Charley Meals, who was graduated from West Point and became an army officer, and Oran Bowen, who the last I knew was an instructor in the Wayne Normal. Each taught a country school in Holt county.

And who remembers that young woman teacher found in a haystack in the Dry creek country where she had found refuge during the blizzard of January 12, 1888. Her limbs were so badly frozen that they were amputated and death resulted.

Frank J. Dishner came to O'Neill over a half-century ago from Columbus, down in Platte county. His first place of business, making real estate loans and dealing in Holt county sodded soil, was over the O'Neill National bank.

Frank told me once of his introduction to the political racket as it functioned here. A number of foreigners, whose language he could speak, were employed by the old Ditch company.

M. F. Harrington, who had offices in the First National bank building, collared Frank one day and urged him to contact those Russian-Germans with the inducements that were available in those days and herd them to the polls to vote the fusion ticket. As he left Mr. Harrington and stepped around the corner headed west, he encountered B. R. Dickson, who proposed a similar program to swing those votes to the republican candidates. Upstart of it was, Frank said, he cautioned those Germans not to try to vote. And they, from a land where you would lose your head on the least suspicion, did not show up to vote.

Mr. Dishner was to see stirring political warfare in the years to come as a citizen of Holt county, but he went quietly about his own affairs and voted as he pleased. He now has joined the throng of O'Neill patriots who have responded to the last roll call.

He leaves a widow, a native daughter of a pioneer family, who now will walk the highway of life alone, ever cherishing the memory of the loved and lost one.

Civil defense—promoters of which have visions of a wrecked and ruined America, unless I sat for some time today listening to a line of talk painting word pictures of bombers coming in out of a 4,500-mile run to blowup Omaha, Lincoln and on to Denver. It is interesting to hear what imagination can conjure up. The speaker had spread out a map of much of North America, flashed a light upon it to point out the vulnerable spots that he saw a fictitious enemy has an eye on. His audience consisted of one lady and four gentlemen. Interest in civil defense seems to be fading away, not many looking for a bomb to strike.

This mid-day of March, following temperatures up in the 70's a blanket of snow has been spread over the capital city, wet and welcome. Out of Arctic regions wind moans across the land and sweet-voiced cardinals and swift-winged lark have taken to cover. Winter pays its last respects to prairieland with a few inches of moisture-sodden snow before the landscape is robbed again in summer green, dotted here and there with floral loveliness.

Lightning flashes across the heavens, thunder rolls out of the distant clouds and rain comes upon the waiting city this mid-March night—a revival of hopes for a fruitful period ahead. Rain—it means the long dry period lays down its worries and takes up the spring of inspiring growth, velvet verdure and a full loaf in the wheat fields. A thunder storm has come with refreshing showers maybe to indicate more to follow.

Homer Campbell, a friend and printer of our youth in the long ago, now not far from the sun-down of life, writes me from Seattle, Wash., from time-to-time. His younger brother, Dick Campbell, well-known in O'Neill and Atkinson more than a half-century ago, died the past autumn and is buried in Seattle.

The money of the institution that employs you going through your fingers when a little of it slips into your pocket—that's embezzling. Pick up an apple at the fruit counter and slip it into your pocket—that's stealing. Flash a gun at the filling station attendant and walk out with the day's receipts—that's robbery.

Cheer up, boys, you will not need to march to the polls and vote until you arrive at manhood's estate when you have traveled the highway of time for 21 years. This applies to you, too, girls. The statesmen in our legislature "killed" the measure designed to lower the voting age to 18 years.

A wife and mother of two children, a victim of narcotics and also a dope peddler serving out a sentence at the York women's state prison, has been released to join her family in Plattsmouth on the promise of her husband to help her return to normal, sane ways of life, and will see that she attends church. That lays an obligation at the door of her church.

The sales tax measure defeated in the legislature for the unnumbered time may go on the ballot for prairieland voters to settle once and for all. If so, what is your guess

When You & I Were Young . . . St. Pat's Party Held in Shields Township

Dennis Murphy Is Toastmaster

50 Years Ago March weddings: John A. Springer of Geddes, S. D., and Lena B. Stowell of Francis were married by Reverend Bowen; William M. Green of Norfolk and Lillie B. Appley, were married in Ewing; Roy Pierce and Mrs. Edna Pierce of Amelia were married by Judge Malone; John W. Stites and Bessie Hawkins, both of Ewing, were married there. Deaths: Mrs. Henry (Mary Frances Evans) Marfield of Emmet and Mrs. Julia White of Fremont, mother of N.C. White of Lynch; Mrs. Joseph (Mary) Stein of Rock Falls township. The C. H. Stowell family of Chambers held a reunion.

20 Years Ago Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Butler celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary and Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Tompkins celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary at the I. L. Watson home in Inman. Mrs. James ("Grandma") Mullen of Emmet is seriously ill. In Shields township, the annual St. Patrick's party was held at the Steskal home. Dennis Murphy was toastmaster. Mrs. James Early, Muriel Murphy, Mrs. Walnofer and Mrs. Klingler were the hostesses. Robert Earley sang "The Hat Me Father Word".

10 Years Ago Deaths: Dennis H. Cronin, 78, publisher of The Frontier for 55 years, legislator in the Nebraska house of representatives, senate and unicameral, United States marshal, president of the O'Neill city council for eight years, postmaster for eight years and a past president of the Nebraska Press association; Miss Addie A. Gibson, 62, a lifelong Holt county resident; Swan J. Peterson, 86, of Atkinson; Joseph U. Yantzi, 76, of Chambers. Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Hicks observed their 55th wedding anniversary. Miss Phyllis Carpenter and Ben Medcalf, both of Chambers, were married.

One Year Ago Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Conner of Ewing were married 60 years ago, March 28. Mrs. Mary Uhl, 79, of O'Neill, and Mrs. Howard Devoe of Stuart died. M. J. Baack, superintendent of the O'Neill city schools, was promoted to major in the national guards. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shoemaker and Mr. and Mrs. George Janousek are the parents of sons.

Humphreys Visit in California — ATKINSON — Claude Humphreys, who recently sold his cafe and grill to Mrs. Dorothy Kaup, will leave in the next few days for a short visit at Watertown, S.D. From there he will go to Pacoima, Calif., to spend some time with his wife and his daughter, Mrs. Marie S. Strosky. The latter recently submitted to surgery. Mrs. Humphreys has been in California for a month. Mr. Humphreys, who came to Atkinson in 1930, was in the shoe repair business 15 years. He retains ownership of his business building and residence. Mrs. Kaup will hold a grand opening April 6.

Legion Birthday — PAGE—Members of the ladies' auxiliary entertained the American Legion members Saturday night at the Legion hall in honor of the 38th birthday anniversary of the Legion. Cards furnished the entertainment with Mrs. Frieda Asher and Calvin Harvey receiving the prizes for holding high scores. Mrs. Delbert Anson and William Scheinost took home the consolation awards. Melvin Held won the door prize. The ladies served lunch.

Bradley Family Now on Hobbs Ranch — CHAMBERS — Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bradley and family of Emerson have moved onto the Dal Hobbs ranch. The Bradleys have two children in grade country school, one in Chambers high school and an older daughter who lives in Grand Island.

Coloradoans Here — Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Storms were her sister and family, S-Sgt. and Mrs. Jim Laycock and family of Lowry Air Force base, Denver, Colo.



MP Graduate

Army Pvt. Larry D. Mitchell (above), son of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian L. Mitchell of Atkinson, recently was graduated from the military police training center at Ft. Gordon, Ga. Mitchell entered the army in October, 1956, and received basic training at Ft. Chaffee, Ark. The 20-year-old soldier was graduated from Butte high school in 1953.—U. S. Army Photo.

Family Dinner Is Held

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tharnish were hosts at a family dinner Sunday to celebrate the birthday anniversaries of their son, Mark, who is six, Mr. Tharnish's sister, Mrs. Dawne Purdie of Plainview and little David Cole, one year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cole.

Other guests were Mrs. Tharnish's father, Charles V. Cole, her grandfather, Herman Harke, her sisters, the Misses Cleone and Brenda Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cole and David and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tharnish of Norfolk and Mr. and Mrs. Dawne Purdie of Plainview.

TO POWER CONFERENCE

H. G. Kruse left Sunday for a power conference in Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Kruse accompanied him as far as Lincoln, where she left for Perry, Ia., to visit her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Van Every and sons. They expect to be gone a week.

O'NEILL LOCALS

Mrs. L. F. Beckenhauer was hostess to the Wednesday afternoon bridge club.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Clinkenbeard and daughter, Mrs. Dick Pike, all of Lusk, Wyo., arrived last Thursday evening to visit their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wally Schelhamer and daughter until Sunday.

Miss Mary Etta Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Perry had as her Sunday overnight guest, Miss Connie Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Johnson.

Church Notes

METHODIST (Page-Inman)

Rev. Lisle Mewmaw, pastor PAGE— Today (Thursday): Junior choir practice, 4 p.m.; youth choir practice, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 30: Pancake supper served to the public by WSCS and King's Daughters, 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 31: Sunday-school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; MYF, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 2: King's Daughters meeting, 8 p.m., with Mrs. Frank Cronk. Wednesday, April 3: Prayer hour, 9 a.m.; scripture: Job 7:1-11; public school spring music concert, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 4: WSCS meeting, 2:30 p.m.

INMAN

Today (Thursday): WSCS guest day meeting, 2:30 p.m.; commission on missions and commission on membership and evangelism will meet at 7:30 p.m. Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 31: worship, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday, April 3: Choir practice, 7:30 p.m., and MYF. Thursday, April 4: MYF Roller skating party at Plainview, 7 p.m.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST (O'Neill)

Rev. James, evangelist

Sunday March 31: Bible school, 10 a.m.; preaching and communion, 11 a.m.; youth meeting will be dismissed this Lord's day; fifth Sunday rally will be held at 2:30, for the afternoon service, and 8, for the evening service. Supper will be served at 5:30. See Edith Peck or Doris Johnson about what to bring.

Revival meetings: Donald Hunt will be with us through Sunday night, March 24. Services are held each night, including Saturday, at 8 o'clock. Also, each night there is a special youth rally for young people and a Bible class for adults, which precedes the nightly service at 7:30 o'clock. All are invited to these interesting services.

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JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

127 South 4th st., O'Neill Friday, March 29: Theocratic ministry school, 7:30 p.m., subject: "A Ransom in Exchange for Many"; service meeting, 8:30 p.m., theme: "Serving First the Divine Interests."

Sunday, March 31: Watchtower study, 7 p.m., subject: "Overseers of the Ministry," Watchtower of February 15. Tuesday, April 2: Bible book study, 8 p.m., using book, "You May Survive Armageddon into God's New World," chapter XVII, "Living Now in the New World Society."

WESLEYAN METHODIST (O'Neill) Rev. Duane Lauber, pastor Sunday, March 31: Sunday-school, 10 a.m.; worship service, 11 a.m.; Wesleyan youth, 7:30 p.m.; adult fellowship, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 3: Prayer service, 8 p.m.

GOES TO IOWA— Mrs. Frank Dishner left last Thursday for a visit in Hampton, Ia., with Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson and John Lee.

Visits Janzings—

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Janzing and son of Atkinson were Saturday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Janzing.

O'Neill News

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Sevelk and family were in St. Paul for the weekend visiting relatives.

Mrs. Harold Krugman and Daryl of Spencer were Sunday guests of her mother, Mrs. Jane Judge.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Korab of Wayne were weekend guests of his mother, Mrs. Orville Peterson and Mr. Peterson. Mr. Korab is a junior at Wayne State college.

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Editorial

Milford Trade School Survives

A bill to knock in the head the Milford trade school has been killed in committee at Nebraska's unicameral legislature.

The proposal was accorded exactly the same treatment it was entitled to receive.

The Milford trade school has been the target of union labor for a number of years, chiefly because it teaches such trades as electric motor repair, shoe repair, printing, jewelry repair, tin-smithing, welding, steam fitting, woodwork, masonry, carpentry, and an assortment of other trades.

Unions prefer of course, to spawn their own through the apprenticeship phase. Tradesmen turned out at Milford do not necessarily join up with the unions and that's bad—from the union viewpoint. The Frontier believes that Nebraska taxpayers spend millions of dollars educating teachers, doctors, lawyers, dentists, architects, engineers and musicians. The Milford trade school, once an old soldier's home, is the only state-supported institution in Nebraska teaching the trades. The biennium budget is something like two hundred thousand dollars, which, after all, is modest compared to the budgets of the university and colleges.

If Milford offers a sound educational program and turns out students who become independent businessmen and skilled laborers, then it is doing a worthwhile job. Several independent businessmen in O'Neill are products of the Milford school and several physically-handicapped persons in our area have learned a trade at Milford. The businessmen are now taxpayers and the physically-handicapped become self-sustaining.

Perhaps the Milford budget is too high. So is the university budget.

The trade unions take a very narrow view in trying to close up shop at Milford. It's the same union philosophy that is making union labor quite unpopular everywhere.

Please, No Postal Hike Now

Postoffice officials in Washington are claiming that they will operate at a huge deficit unless postal rates are increased. They are certainly right as to the cost of their operation, and as to the deficit in their department.

However, this is no time to increase postal rates. With the cost of everything else up, small business, farmers, ranchers, salaried workers and many others are beginning to feel an inflationary squeeze. Postal rates should be kept where they are because, after all, it is a public service and should not be operated on a profit basis.

Moreover, the postoffice department, at the top level, is truck and plane minded. But every contract awarded to one of those carriers subtracts from the postage hauled by rail. And here is a punch line: First-class mail transported between 15,000 cities and towns in the United States, hauled by rail, is the only phase of post-office operations that operates in the black. Thus, it would appear some economies could

be effected before increased postal rates are in order. Whatever the reason, postal service on the national level has deteriorated these past few years.

In Paris, London and Berlin, for example, you can get cross-town deliveries of mail several times a day. Try it in Omaha or Lincoln, a couple of small bergs.

Postoffice officials are asking congress to approve a five-cent charge for mailing ordinary letters. President Eisenhower is supporting the postal increases in an effort to bring in more than 650-million-dollars in additional revenue to the postoffice department.

As the inflationary spiral continues, no doubt the time will come when a modest postal increase will become necessary. But 1957 is not the time. Furthermore, congress is being overwhelmed with mail and a great cry is going out to chop the whey out of President Eisenhower's 72-billion-dollar budget. Sen. Harry Byrd of Virginia claims over five-billion-dollars could be lopped off, maybe more, in foreign aid, military and domestic spending. Increasingly other senators and representatives are picking up the theme. If that kind of dough can be subtracted from the budget, then the proposed postal increases can wait.

It's that season of the year when voters go the polls in the annual municipal and school elections. During the past few years the city election at O'Neill has not lacked for interest.

For reducing or lenten purposes, my wife serves food on smaller plates, not much bigger than the regular saucers. One of her friends tried it and lost five pounds the first week.

Parents, in seeking to help their children, might remember the fact that responsibility often develops unsuspected talent.

Making a molehill out of a mountain requires more industry and singleness of purpose than most of us possess.

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