

PrairieTalk—

Spotted Tail's Sons Eye Author

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LINCOLN—A few native sons and daughters of the O'Neill community survive and carry on business in the old town that Irish patriots laid out on the open prairie about a mile from the crystal waters of the Elkhorn where deer and antelope played, where weary travelers bathed travel-weary feet and Sioux warriors often made camp.



I recall riding into such a camp one evening on a handsome bay gelding. Three stalwart sons of Spotted Tail stood at a little distance sizing me and my riding outfit up and passing a word now and then on to the other. It probably meant nothing but to a teenage kid it had significance, so I touched my mount with a spur and got out of there on a run.

Let us start at lower Fourth street, move north to see who may be left of the natives now engaged in business at O'Neill's marts of trade: Neil Ryan, R. H. Parker, the Stannard sisters, Bennett Gillespie, George Hammond, Francis Cronin and others in O'Neill National bank, P. C. Donohoe. On Douglas street starting with Davidson's plumbing, then Harrington's shoe and harness repair shop, Gilligan the druggist, the Gatz sons and daughter at the Western hotel, some across the street I do not know, but there is Edward Gallagher and Ed Campbell in the First National bank and Attorney Gallagher in an upper room, Golden's at the hotel, Mrs. Sullivan in the flower store, then cordial Mr. Coyne in the hardware business.

There may be a few I have overlooked. Most of the business and professional interests of O'Neill are carried on by those who have come from elsewhere.

PrairieLand lies peaceful tonight under the faint light of the October moon. All is hushed save the whispering of a prairie breeze that ebbs and comes as the night stealthily marches on toward the dawn. The sly coyote is out on his nocturnal hunt and lesser wildings take to cover, not a sound to awaken a sleeping creature but the throbbing that purges comes from the swish of the prairie night surler gripping the steering wheel as he rolls from somewhere out of the night rhythmically chanting a bit of song. And the charm of a moonlit night when out where prairieLand calls lure me again to walk where pioneer's footprints are but a memory. Other memories rise into the vista of the grass at our feet leading on into the vista of the past only to be awakened by morning light still housed in the crowded haunts of men.

Are you one of the 163,324,932 Americans now said to make up the membership of the church United States? This means that 62 of each 100 citizens is a church adherent.

It comes from high authority that a major crime is pulled off every 11 seconds in the USA. A good deed, a helpful act, a kind word—many such every passing second. . . Rock county citizens voted them a bond debt because they thought they should have a county hospital and medical center. . . Maybe the prairieLand native son, philosopher and esteemed friend, Ralph Leidy, finds the Arkansas Negro problem too deep for him, though he could tell us just how to handle the late Joe McCarthy. . . Road workers in a community in Lancaster county found a human skeleton in a board coffin eight feet under ground, the coffin buried in lime rock, thought to be the bones of one of a party crossing the plains more than a century ago.

Editorial—

Three Workers Fail to Show Up

Have you ever figured out just what the federal government costs you—and related the cost of taxation to other costs you must bear?

Publisher Guy T. Ludi of the Wahoo Newspaper, Wahoo, Nebr., has done just that. His paper is a small business, with a circulation of about 4,500. Last year, he finds, the federal government took \$6.53 per hour for every hour the plant was in operation.

As he put it, that was equal to the pay of three skilled workmen—"three skilled workmen that never showed up for work."

Then Mr. Ludi did some more calculating. His federal taxes came to over \$280 in cash each week, and amounted to 9 cents of every dollar taken in, whether or not a profit was made on the transaction.

And those taxes took enough money out of the plant to pay for any one of the following: heat for 22 years; postage for nine years; electric lights for 32 years; water for 103 years; electric power for nine years; electric heat for the typesetting machines for 22 years; telephone for 21 years, and insurance for 15 years.

That, Mr. Ludi goes on, brings up the big question: " . . . what are we going to do about it?" Here's his answer:

"We don't know. We know that spending by Government is too high . . . that taxes are too high and going higher. . . Actually, we would propose that tax-conscious people everywhere seriously consider the problem before the next primary election in 1958. At that time something can be done if everyone will crack down on the spenders in Washington."

Capone Was a Piker

A quarter of a century ago Al Capone was the national symbol of lawless hoodlumism. Machine gun killers, ball bat murders, graft and payoffs were the stock in trade of the Chicago gangster. But, measured by today's headlines, Al Capone was a petty piker by comparison. He stuck to his own ballwick and traded mostly in booze and women. He overlooked the lushest field of all—trade unionism.

It's the hidden, but ugliest and most terrifying, side of America that is being revealed in the sensational hearings in Washington.

Johnny Dio, the New York gangster-racketeer, is the man who has supplied most of the strength with which Jimmy Hoffa has gained control. Unionism allied with gangsters . . . that is an ugly picture that makes the law abiding citizen writhe with helpless frustration and anger.

Hoffa has had a working partnership with a man who symbolizes all that is evil in America. The measure of the menace of Hoffa is that there

I will make a guess that there are readers of this department who will find the following letter of interest to them. It came to me recently, the writer being one of the Coburn family who were pioneers in the Phoenix neighborhood:

Fremont, Nebr., September 25.—Dear Mr. Saunders: We have been silent readers of your PrairieLand Talk all too long, with no word of appreciation to tell you how much they are enjoyed by us, then passed on to my brother, Ralph Coburn in the state of Washington, who tells me he has been a fan of yours since you were editor of The Frontier.

You may have gathered that we are Holt county folk, having been born and raised on a ranch north of O'Neill more years ago than I wish to remember, and the people you mention so often we had not heard of for years, so yours is a very interesting section of the paper. Name of people so familiar along with your descriptive writings which are tops.

Recently your article in regard to the terrible situation in the south impressed me so much, and I thought I would wait longer to toss a bouquet where it rightfully belongs. I wholeheartedly agree with you in respect to the Negroes.

For many years I wrote news items for The Frontier from our neighborhood north of O'Neill. Hope you have recovered from your fall. I have many relatives still in the O'Neill vicinity. God bless you and yours.

JESSIE KEELER

Doctor Miller, our Fourth district congressman, thinks Ezra Taft Benson has outlived his usefulness as secretary of agriculture. Maybe so. But who has ever served in that job that pleased all?

Looking out upon the troubled world a dreamer thinks it is all because of "misunderstanding." Then comes up with this: "If friends overseas could follow our way of thinking, if we could follow their disagreements just wouldn't arise." Then asks "Is that harmony impossible to reach? Not at all!" And this prairieLand dweller wonders if we have "over-seas friends", maybe so. But we are human. The mind of the Western specimen of the genus homo, his ideals, his traditions, his view of life is as far removed from that of the Oriental as human invention can go. A prairieLand dweller can not think nor act in terms of the four hundred million Brahmaes, the three hundred million Mohammedans, the many millions of pagans of earth. Yes, it would be grand to have the bias-eyed Oriental think as does the Occidental and the southern pale face adopt a Negro idea or two, but we humdingers of earth are just not built that way.

I just had a brief visit the modern telephone way with a native son of the O'Neill community. Wally Mullen was in Lincoln a day or two to visit his sister before taking off for his Los Angeles home. He had been to O'Neill to see his brother, Leo, then came to Lincoln. Wally has become adjusted to the smog and rushing throngs of the Los Angeles community after 40 years' residence out there. He left with a promise to write to me. Like other native sons, Mr. Mullen keeps informed on affairs back here by reading The Frontier.

He had taken the life of his three-year-old son. In court he made a plea of not guilty of murder because of insanity. In a cell at the state prison he killed another—himself by hanging. Another human wreck gone down the dark valley of perdition. Some where along life's fitful journey a cancerous thought came out of the mists of doubt and unbelief that grew and multiplied—the fruit from that one branch grafted into a human soul—a murder and suicide.

When You & I Were Young . . .

Red Auto Pleases Golden's Friends

Welsh Home Goes Up in Flames

50 Years Ago J. P. Gallagher's store will have a special salesman with a line of 2,500 cloaks for sale and also ladies' and children's furs. Judge Malone issued a marriage license to Charles N. Gonderinger and Josephine Coufal, both of Atkinson. . . T. V. Golden is the owner of a red auto and his friends have been enjoying a ride. . . Mrs. Thomas Welsh, living about four miles northwest of town, suffered a severe loss by fire when her home and all the contents were destroyed. Married: William Lane of Stuart and Miss Isabelle Horton of Inglis.

30 Years Ago Francis Gunn, 13, lost his right foot in a hunting accident. Daniel Murphy, 83, a native of County Cork, Ireland, died. . . North Central Bankers held a meeting in O'Neill. . . About two hundred teachers were present at the institute held in O'Neill under the direction of Miss Ella McCullough, county superintendent.

10 Years Ago Mr. and Mrs. Dan J. Cronin, longtime residents, moved to Omaha. . . The Methodist church at Chambers celebrated its 50th anniversary. . . Clifford Boettcher's Hereford blue ribbon steer brought 42 cents per hundred at the 4-H auction. . . Warren James Sobotka, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Sobotka of Inman, was fatally burned when his clothing ignited. . . Richard Woods of Page received his discharge from the navy.

One Year Ago An old fashioned melodrama, "Fanny, the Farmer's Daughter" was presented by the P-T A. . . An outdoor barbeque was held at the campus of St. Mary's academy. . . The Methodist adult fellowship held a "hobo" party.

Venus News

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Knorr and son and Mrs. Emma Wirth visited at the Francis Boelter home Sunday, September 29.

Tom Sladek combined sorghum for Ora Caskey on Wednesday, October 2.

Clarence Finch combined sorghum for Ralph Brookhouser Wednesday, and Thursday, October 2 and 3 in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Finch were Orchard visitors, Wednesday, October 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser spent Tuesday evening, October 1, at the Clarence Finch home. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Finch visited to Grand Island on Friday, September 27, where they visited with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Val. . . Mitchell, until Sunday when they returned to their home. The Caskey brothers did their chores while they were away.

Week in Minnesota—

W. W. Waller, Ray Snell, Alton Braddock, Merwyn French, Sr., and Ira Watson of Inman have returned from a week's fishing trip to Marion Lake, Minn.

Church Notes

METHODIST (Page-Inman)

Rev. Lisle E. Mewman, pastor PAGE— Thursday, October 10 (today): Junior choir practice, 4 p.m.; youth choir practice, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, October 13: Sunday-school, 10 a.m.; worship service, 11 a.m.; MYF, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 16—Prayer hour, 9 a.m. Read Matthew 16:13-20.

Thursday, October 17—Woman's Society of Christian service, meeting, 2 p.m. October 18—MYF council meeting, 7:30 p.m., with Leroy Clacey. INMAN—

Thursday, October 10 (today)—Woman's Society of Christian Service meeting, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, October 13: Laymen's day observance during the morning worship hour, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:45 a.m. Thursday, October 17: Official board meeting, 8 p.m.

CHRIST LUTHERAN (O'Neill)

Rev. A. S. Gedwillo, pastor Thursday, Ladies' aid meeting, 8 p.m.

Saturday, October 12: Confirmation classes, 9:30 a.m. Sunday, October 13: Worship service and Sunday-school Rally day, 9 a.m. The Sunday-school children will participate in the order of service. All teachers and staff members will take part in the rite of consecration. Sunday-school rally and class promotion, 10:15 a.m.; third quarterly voters' meeting, 2 p.m.; The Lutheran Hour on WJAG, 4 p.m. Dr. Oswald Hoffman's subject will be "Making Good." Sunday-school teachers' institute at Gregory, S. D., 3 p.m.

Tuesday, October 15: Pastoral regional conference at Wausa, 9 a.m.

METHODIST (Chambers-Amelia)

Harold Dean Bonath, pastor CHAMBERS—

Sunday, October 13: Worship service, 11 a.m.; Sunday-school, 10 a.m.; senior MYF, 7:30 p.m. Monday, October 14: Junior choir, 7:30 p.m.; junior MYF 8 p.m.; senior choir, 8 p.m.

Thursday, October 17: WSCS at 2 p.m., hostesses, Ella Covey, Minnie Damme, Jean Hoffman. AMELIA—

Sunday, October 13: Worship service, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday-school, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, October 15: Four commissions meet at Edith Anderson's, 8 p.m.

Thursday, October 17: Choir & MYF, 7:30 p.m.

FOR BOTH CHURCHES Wednesday, October 16: Parish prayer time, 8-9 p.m.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN (Atkinson)

Rev. A. S. Gedwillo, pastor Sunday, October 13: Sunday-school rally and class promotions, 9:45 a.m.; worship and rally day service, 11 a.m. The Sunday-school children will participate in the order of service. All teachers and staff members will take part in the rite of consecration.

Tuesday, October 15: Lutheran Women's Missionary League meeting 2 p.m., The Pastoral Regional conference will be held at Wausa.

Wednesday, October 16: Third quarterly voters' meeting, 8 p.m.

Dorothy Gorgen celebrated her ninth birthday anniversary Saturday at a party for some little friends. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Gorgen.

CHURCH OF CHRIST (O'Neill)

Rex James, evangelist Wednesday, October 16—Bible study and prayer meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 13: Bible school, 10 a.m.; preaching and communion at 11 a.m.; youth meeting, 7 p.m.; evening service, 7:30 p.m. The Sunday morning message will be: "Three Most Dangerous Men in O'Neill" which is a continuation of last week's message. The evening message will be: "What Does Jesus Mean To You?"

WESLEYAN METHODIST (O'Neill)

Rev. Don V. Olmstead, pastor Sunday, October 13: Sunday-school, 10 a.m.; worship service, 11 a.m.; children's service, youth service, adult bible study, 7:30 p.m.; worship service, 8 p.m.

Monday, October 14: Youth rally at the Atkinson Wesleyan Methodist church, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, October 16: Mid-week prayer hour.

Ranch Life Films Shown at Meeting

EMMET—The Garden club met at the home of Mrs. Earl Collins of Atkinson on Thursday, September 26. All 12 members were present. Color films of ranch life, the Garden club pilgrimage to Norfolk and Battle Creek and funnies of the picnic were shown by Mrs. Charles Tassler, sr. Several floral arrangements were shown by Mrs. Alfred Martens.

After the meeting lunch was served.

Next Club Is Formed—

A new home extension club was organized at the home of Mrs. Don Wecker. Mrs. Catherine Indra was present and she presented a short film on home extension work. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Don Wecker, president; Mrs. Ed McManus, vice-president; Mrs. Joe Menish, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Norbert Clark, news reporter; Mrs. Don Wecker, song leader.

The October meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Fred Salak at which time roll call will be answered by suggestions of a name for the club.

LICENSE APPROVED

EWING—Mrs. Bertha Urban received her state license for massage this week and also a license for her place of business, known as Bertha's Clinic.

Advertisement for Dr. H. D. Gildersleeve, Optometrist, located at the corner of 4th & Douglas, O'Neill, Nebr. Phone 167. Office hours: 9-5, Monday thru Saturday. Includes an image of eyeglasses.

Receives Diploma—Miss Corrine Murphy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy received a secretarial diploma from the Commercial Extension school of commerce a business school in Omaha. She has accepted a secretarial position with Kirkman, Michael and Associates. She is a graduate of St. Mary's Academy, class of 1956.

HOME ON LEAVE—Ewing—Jack Sisson and David Wright, both of the U.S. navy, have completed their boot training at Santiago, Calif., and are home on leave, visiting home folks. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kahler of Bonesteel, S.D., were Thursday, September 17, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Juran.

WHAT A COMBINATION!

Advertisement for McCulloch quality chainsaws. Features a large image of a chainsaw and a cross logo. Text includes: "lowest price", "You get both with McCulloch's light, speedy Model 35 chain saw.", "Easy Terms Available", "The ideal small saw for farmers, sportsmen, tree surgeons, part-time cutters.", "Features such as automatic clutch, exclusive diaphragm carburetor and automatic rewind starter put the McCulloch Model 35 in a class by itself among low priced chain saws.", "See it today at MARCELLUS IMPLEMENT Phone 5 West O'Neill".

Advertisement for Penney's Dollar Days. Features images of briefs and a pair of glasses. Text includes: "PENNEY'S ALWAYS FIRST QUALITY", "DOLLAR DAYS", "A Penney super buy! stock up! Acetate Tricot Briefs 4 for \$1", "You'd be pleased with the quality if you paid 39c a pair! At Penney's pared down 4 for \$1, you'll be delighted! Choose pastels and white. Small, medium, large.", "SPECIAL PURCHASE! OCTOBER PREMIUM BUY", "LOWEST PRICE EVER! OCTOBER PREMIUM BUY", "COTTON FLANNEL 3 yards 1.00", "Penney's Fitted Mattress Pads 3.55 full", "Soft-as-down flannellette in florals, stripes, juvenile designs, zesty colors! A smooth serviceable weight that machine washes beautifully!", "Heavyweight Outerwear Loden style casual cotton sheen gabardine—tyrolean brad trim on pockets.", "Girls' Sizes 3 to 6x 3.99, 7 to 14 4.99, Misses' Sizes 10 to 18 5.99".

ANOTHER FALL SPECIAL



Philco-BENDIX New CG-788 GAS Duomatic

The New Philco-Bendix GAS Duomatic washes and dries in one continuous operation . . . the result is easy washdays. Now, during Kansas-Nebraska's Fall White Goods Sale, your present washer is worth very much more in trade.

STOP IN TODAY AT YOUR NEAREST KANSAS-NEBRASKA STORE. SEE THIS NEW WASHDAY MIRACLE — ASK ABOUT OTHER SALERAMA SPECIALS ON RANGES, REFRIGERATORS and DRYERS.

EASY PAYMENTS — LOW CARRYING CHARGES

KANSAS-NEBRASKA Natural Gas Company Inc. For Dependable GAS Service

Advertisement for The Frontier newspaper. Text includes: "THE FRONTIER", "CARROLL W. STEWART, Editor and Publisher", "Entered at the postoffice in O'Neill, Holt county, Nebraska, as second-class mail matter under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879. This newspaper is a member of the Nebraska Press Association, National Editorial Association and the Audit Bureau of Circulations.", "Terms of Subscription: In Nebraska, \$2.50 per year; elsewhere in the United States, \$3 per year; rates abroad provided upon request. All sub-