

PrairieTalk—

No Thanks for Lamp-Lighter

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LINCOLN—The first Sunday in November, now just three days from today, the members of the Methodist church in O'Neill gather at their sanctuary to observe the 75th anniversary of the O'Neill church of that denomination.

The original church building has been replaced by a more modern structure. Friend L. G. Gillespie is the oldest member of the church now living in O'Neill. In the autumn and winter of 1887-'88 PrairieTalk functioned as janitor under Rev. D. C. Winship and kept the oil lamps trimmed ready for burning, built the fire in the coal-burning stove, emptied ashes and dusted up. My material remuneration—nothing, not so much as a vote of thanks from the devoted ones in the pews, among them being E. H. Benedict, Smith Merrell, J. C. Harnish, O. O. Snyder, Mrs. Jake Pfund, Mrs. L. T. Shanner, Mrs. Trublood and some others.



Romain Saunders

Pastor Winship faded a little better, taking over the contribution dropped in the offering plate that was passed around at the Sunday morning and evening services. The coming anniversary service will no doubt be of interest and mark a step forward among the John Wesley adherents in the community. There were preachers in the old church in the days now forgotten who stirred the sinners to repentance.

Saw and hammer in the hands of eight-hour a-day workmen have been at it again what now is known in O'Neill as Fifth and Douglas streets. Who remembers the Toohill flour and feed store and the Ward livery barn with the coral where herds of wild broncs were seen at times? E. M. Ward went into the hardware business down the street a few doors and George Jones took over the livery barn, he followed by Mullen Bros., then Mellor and Quilly. Toohill faded from the picture and the next we moved The Frontier printing equipment to that location about 1893, then back again to the old stand a few years later. Then a Ford dealers headquarters took over with a pre-fabricated structure where barn and corral and the Millard building had weathered a few wild frontier years. Now a modern super market hoists its food dispensing banner. The old time grocery store where Jack Davidson went in, cut a slice of cheese and helped himself at the barrel of crackers, and where Tom Murphy filled his pipe at the expense of Pat Hagerty—now gone the way of the two-bit dinner table. Super markets are nice but are not the cracker barrel centers for friends to visit and solve the world problem that we knew in the days of Doc Middleton and Broncobuster Long Haired John.

Editorial—

Lack of Candidates Deplorable

Henry Trysla, editor of the Dakota County Star at South Sioux City, makes editorial reference to a headline in one of the state's daily newspapers. The headline read: Democratic candidates still sought.

"A national political party is having difficulty in finding candidates for officers for the 1958 elections," declares The Star.

"The situation is not an isolated case. With the high cost of campaigns, the increased demands for expenditures, and the more desirous positions in private business and industry calling, political candidates are lacking. And those who do seek office are sometimes labeled as 'crooks, loafers and scavengers' who couldn't land an 'honest' job.

"The same is true on the local scene. There have been few contests for county positions in recent years. The jobs do not pay enough to attract an ambitious campaigner.

"We were told that a number of years ago, there were 21 persons seeking the office of sheriff, for instance. In recent elections, it has been difficult to find two individuals to make a contest.

"Americans can't very well exercise their constitution-provided privilege of voting if there are no contests.

"That headline makes a person think . . . and it seems rather tragic."

Teen-Ager Going to Moon

Bill Cox in Pierce County Leader

You have to smile and chuckle to yourself when you compare news stories on the front page of today's daily newspapers.

In the left hand column there may be a long article about the "teen-agers" . . . problem of 1957 . . . some people think they drive too fast . . . some think they dance too much . . . others flatly state they don't study enough . . . too much football and basketball. That is today's "teen-agers" . . . that group of youths between 15 and 19 years of age. The generation that is going to the dogs, according to some grouchos.

Now over in the right hand column of your daily newspaper is an article about the Russian satellite nicknamed "Sputnik". The newspapers will quote some noted scientist who flatly states that in 10 years man will ascend in satellites and probably even make a trip to the moon. This is very serious talk.

Did you ever stop to realize that chances are some 24 to 29-year-old men will make that first trip into the atmosphere . . . that's 10 years' from now.

So the first person to make this flight will be one of these so-called "teen-agers" of today. Dad says Johnny can't get down to earth and study . . . Johnny won't study down to earth as he may be the man that goes 400 to 500 miles up into the atmosphere.

The old grouch who says the next generation is going to the dogs is all wrong . . . some of them will fool him and go to the moon.

The next time you hear a pair of tires screech around the corner or see some youngster make a "jack-rabbit" start with his dad's car . . . just stop and wonder, is that the kid that will be a man in 10 years and makes a flight to the moon.

Thoughts Enroute to Accident

Running down automobile accidents has become a part of a newspaper reporter's job, invariably with camera in hand.

Driving to and from an accident one has opportunity to wonder if, perhaps, the next time it might be you or one of your own family involved.

Drunk and driving, failure to stop after an accident, traveling on wrong side of the road, driving with revoked license—\$300 and costs. . . Wesleyan university student saw it via telescope—a rocket out in celestial realms; but Lincoln is still on the map. . . Cars will be rolling the super highway between Lincoln and Omaha by 1960, says State Engineer Ress. . . Governor Anderson, for U. S. senator in 1960, a suggestion of a state union labor leader. . . October 18 dawned on a diamond studded landscape, the first autumn to visit the Capital City. . . World war seems to be just around the corner. Why "world war"—the world is not at war with other worlds, it's the guys in the world that do the scrapping. If the drumbeat sounds again calling to the battle ground of human slaughter send the superannated old guys to the muster and let the young fellows stay at home to be the bread and cake winners.

The day in which this is written I have attended a funeral, the one laid out to be taken to the abode of the dead bearing the name Saunders, his first name starting with the same letter as my own—R. No tribal connection. A month or more ago the man wrote a check, signed R. Saunders. When I received my next bank statement that check of a considerable sum was charged to my account. I got busy and the bank then made the charge to the right R. Saunders.

The silent night marched on toward the dawn of another day. The October heavens spread in radiant blue above the city aroused again to the activities that call mortals to be on the go. Sunlight of another day shines with brilliant splendor ushered in by the pink glow of early dawn. Frost touched the landscape lightly during the night and I walk to where the flowers bloom maybe to find a pall of petals withered and dead. But the golden glow of gorgeous floral bloom remains. I pause and look at what an unseen Hand has adorned with celestial beauty. Flowers speak to us and subdue hatreds, soften the hard feelings and inspire a love for the beautiful. Alone among the flowers a few quiet moments; a rift in the clouds of life's pretty worries as we stand before the gorgeous handiwork of nature.

Summer sunshine is but a memory; melancholy days have come, rain and winds, dead leaves lying across your path, night comes soon, morning late. Symbolic of life as we travel the highway of time. Joy and sorrow, smiles and tears, inspiration and heartaches, alive today as human soul touches human soul, gone tomorrow as dead leaves fall. And while moving across the highway of life's fitful dream it is our privilege to take the highway that leads to the realms of no melancholy days and no dead leaves ever fall from the Tree of Life.

When You & I Were Young . . .

'Grandma' Harnish Injured in Fire

Gas Stove Blamed for Clothing Blaze

50 Years Ago

Marriage licenses were issued to William J. Thomas of Inman and Miss E. Blackburn of Atkinson; Merrill M. Stuart and Mrs. Ethel Cowles, both of Stuart. . . Deaths: Mrs. Joseph (Francisca) Musil, 47, and Mrs. Charles (Emma) Bigler, 52. . . Grandma Harnish's clothing caught on fire from a gasoline stove. Her granddaughter discovered the fire and called her parents. Mr. Harnish's hands were badly burned, but his mother escaped serious injury.

20 Years Ago

Betty Jean Sorenson, 11 daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sorenson, Star, was taken to Omaha to have a sandbar removed from her esophagus. She swallowed it while shucking corn with her brother and it stuck in her throat. When she reached there, she had a coughing spell and up it came. Mrs. Arnold Hoffman of the Presbyterial church. The Women's association had charge. The Kennels left Tuesday for Marango, Ia., where Reverend Kennel has accepted a new pastorate. The Kennels were presented a bedspread by Mrs. Roy Humrich, president of the association.

10 Years Ago

Mrs. H. M. Cristenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coyne, arrived in Japan to join her husband.

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In the year ending June 30, 1957, the Nebraska division of rehabilitation services rehabilitated 615 disabled persons, an increase of 5.3 percent over the previous year. At the same time, the division had a larger number of clients—1,361—receiving services than ever before, and also a large number—819—awaiting investigation as to need and eligibility for services than ever before.

These statistics coincide closely with national percentages.

It is noteworthy that in one area, namely the number of rehabilitations per 100,000 population, Nebraska's average of 47.3 went well over the national average of 42.

This is that time of year when a number of men find out again what it's like at 4 o'clock in the morning. They probably wouldn't do it for a living, but duck hunting, that's different.

Judging from the accident toll of the nimrods who have gone a-hunting the United States won't have to worry much about Sputnik.

While we've been preoccupied with the occupation of Little Rock the Russians, apparently, are bent on occupation of the moon.



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Lynch News

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Mulhair took Mr. and Mrs. Audrey Compton to O'Neill Sunday where the Compton's took a bus for California where they plan to visit relatives for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fisher and son were visitors in Stanton on Wednesday. Enroute home they were supper guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vesely south of Verdel.

Mr. and Mrs. Marlowe Johnson and family of Spencer attended the wedding of their niece, Kathryn Mulhair and A/3c Leroy Purviance here Friday, October 25. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mulhair left Friday for Scottsbluff for a few days' visit.

Harry Mahlendorf of Bristol visited at the Bill Mahlendorfs Thursday, October 24. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Keller and Mrs. Emil Hrbek motored to Vermillion, S. D., and Doris Hrbek returned home with them for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mahlendorf and daughters were business visitors in Norfolk on Monday.

Mrs. Mary Dunkak of Bone-steel, S. D., visited with Paul and Mrs. Edw. May.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Havranek and family of Spencer visited at the Joe Halva home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Bjornsen of Denver, Colo., spent several days visiting relatives here. They left for Norfolk Saturday where they visited before leaving for their home in Denver.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weeder were business visitors in Norfolk Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Knapp of Norfolk spent the weekend with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Holtz visited in Norfolk Monday, October 21, and Harlan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holtz, returned here with them for a week's stay. Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Barnes took them home to Norfolk Saturday.

Joan, Vincent and Margene Birmeier visited Arlene Birmeier's school in Scottville Friday.

Irene and Francis Stenger spent the October 19-20 weekend in Omaha. While there they attended the christening of Denise Marilyn McDermott, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul McDermott. They also visited at the Luther Robinson home at Missouri Valley, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stoffer attended the funeral of Fred L. Carey at O'Neill Wednesday afternoon, October 23. Mr. Carey was a cousin of Mr. Stoffer.

Peter Mulhair and Lawrence Kalkowski were in Sioux City, Thursday, October 24.

Mrs. Phyllis Mulhair and family and Mrs. Jonas Johnson of Lincoln came Wednesday, October 23, to spend the weekend here. Friday they attended the wedding of Kathryn Mulhair and Leroy Purviance. They returned

to their home in Lincoln Sunday.

Mrs. Gladys Spencer and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stoffer were Sunday, October 20, dinner guests at the Fred Spencer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jehorek spent Sunday, October 20, in Lincoln visiting at the Robert Connelly home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Halva of Colome, S. D., visited at the Joe and Bill Halva homes over the weekend.

Ulrich Will Study

Army's Microwave

The following recent army enlistments have been announced by Sfc. James R. Lyons, who soon will bow out as army recruiter here: Guy James of Niobrara and Francis A. Staff of Alamosa, both for engineer corps; William J. Aylward of Chadron, for airborne (paratrooper); Alvie C. Nelson of Gordon and Thomas M. Reeves of Hay Springs, both for military police corps; Joseph J. Ulrich of Verdigris, for microwave equipment repair; Frederick N. Coates of Stuart, Robert D. Melcher of Creighton and Harold D. Weier of O'Neill, for national guards.

Coates, Melcher and Weier were assigned to company D, tank battalion, national guard in O'Neill. Coates and Melcher plan to go to active duty soon for the sixth month active duty training

program. Others in the foregoing list reported to Ft. Carson, Colo., for processing and training.

Sergeant Lyons has been "alerted" for a European assignment and plans to leave in the next two or three months. M/Sgt William Cousins will take his place.

Boelters Hosts

at Card Party—STAR—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Boelter and family entertained at a card party Friday evening.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Ewalt Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Caskey, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hildreth and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mittels and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Butterfield, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Waring and son, Mrs. Hattie Boelter and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Mittels and Eleanor.

Prize winners were L. A. Hansen and Mrs. Ewalt Miller, Mrs. L. A. Hansen and Otto Mittels. Walt Phillips won the traveling prize. Lunch was served.

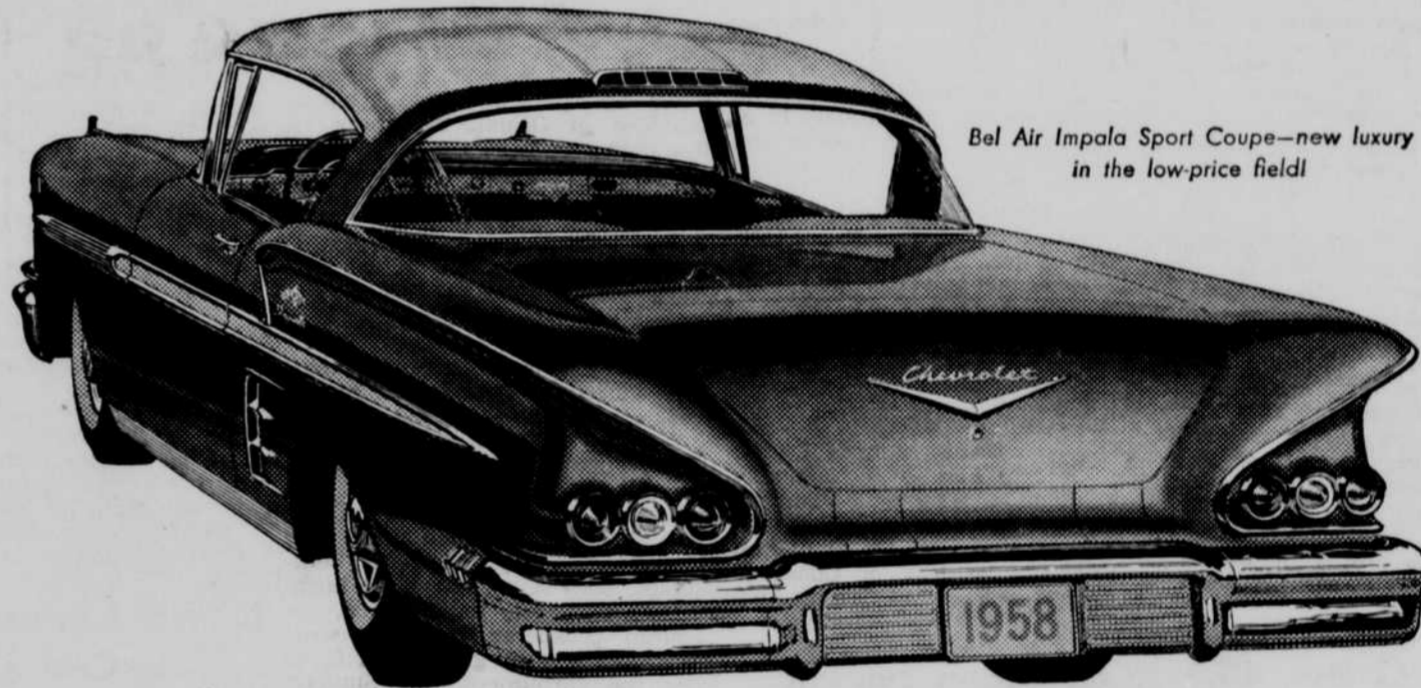
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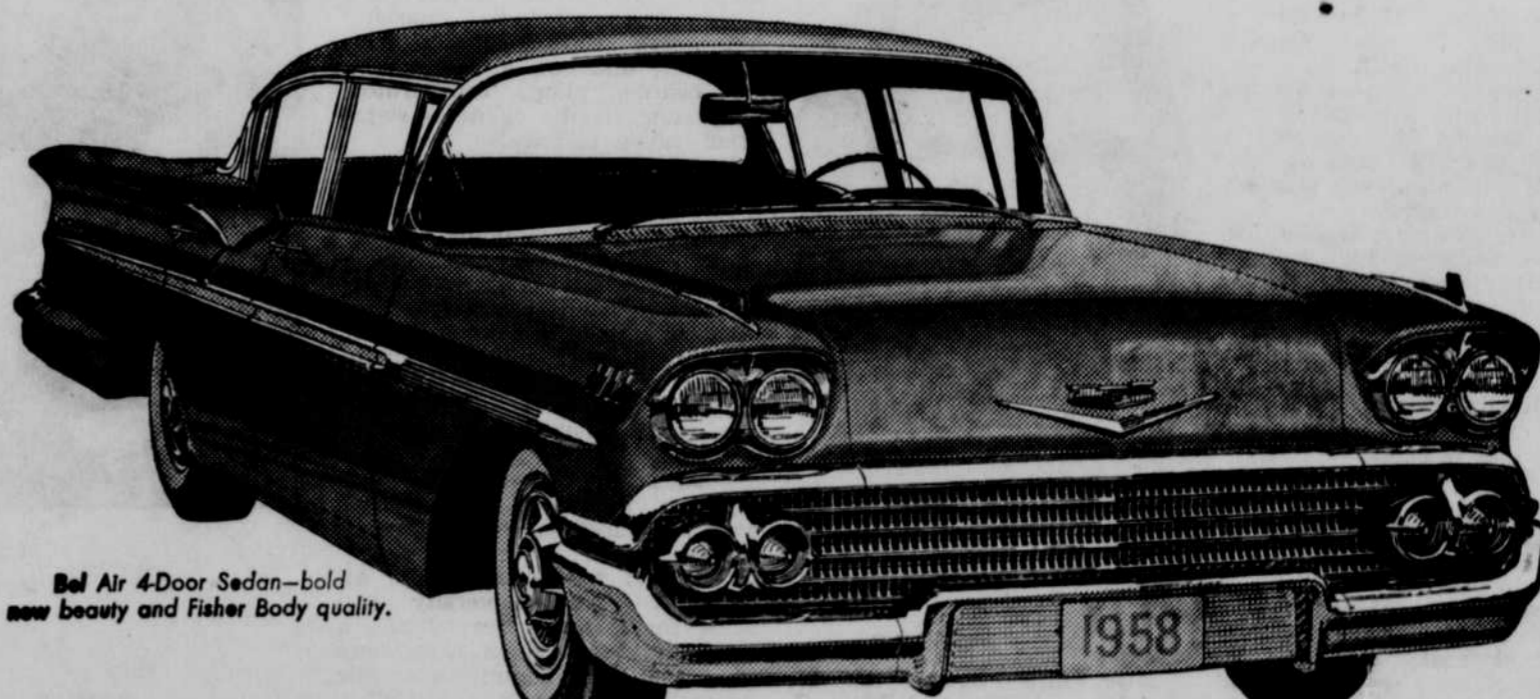
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