

PrairieLand Talk—

Balloonist Landed in Dakota Field

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LINCOLN—Men of science have done much to add to human comforts. They do much that adds nothing to human comfort, worthwhile knowledge or avoiding blunders.

One who dwells in scientific realms has told his story of a balloon flight to the outer fringe of earth's atmosphere where he fussed and froze for 32 hours, trembled with fear and came back to earth and landed in a grain field on a South Dakota farm.

How high had he been? Just 19 miles, the distance from O'Neill to Atkinson. But what is 19 miles along the endless reach of space? When he landed in that grain field could he tell the South Dakota farmers how to produce more and better wheat? Something worthwhile would have been accomplished, but all he has to tell is that one guy from earth lived 32 hours out there on the rim of the air we breathe. Yes, his balloon and scientific digtangs he had with him made work for human hands down here below his perch 19 miles up.



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South pole and north pole adventurers—what have they contributed to human needs? And out there a few miles east of The Frontier's editorial sanctum, where Prairieland Talker roamed the open prairie as a pioneer kid, scientists have toyed with the winds in recent years. I could have told them of the tricks of prairie winds, of the wind moving our house one night, and on another night, blowing over a barrel of meat and rolling it down across the prairie scattering chunks of meat along the way.

What have the "wind tests" out there on Mike Carroll's homestead added to the joy of life in the O'Neill community? But maybe it was a scientific achievement for that guy out in the Minneola country to come to my dad's frontier plantation and steal a load of corn when we were all away.

The sun burst forth in golden glory this morning after days in hiding beyond dark clouds. Autumn frosts have withered flower and weed alike, the forerunner of winter coming with silent tread down the pathway of time. We look today out upon a landscape robed in autumn's tinted beauty. So may the autumn of our lives be adorned with the robes of moral and spiritual loveliness.

County Judge Morgan issued the license and performed the ceremony uniting in marriage Edward Tierney and Miss Fleener a day in October, 1903. . . Price's barber shop had engaged a colored lad, known only as Billy to look after Maylon's many customers, dusting and brushing them up as they stepped from the barber chair. . . Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Thompson went to Omaha to visit their son Elliott. . . M. F. and Judge Harrington, with Court Reporter Maher were "at court" in Brown county. . . Mrs. Deaver was another O'Neill citizen on the train for Omaha a day in October that year. . . John Walmer and helpers drove a bunch of cattle to O'Neill from the Gallagher-Birmingham ranch for shipment to market. . . Charles Stout was in Omaha making purchases for the annual holiday trade. . . Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Boyle departed for their home at Darlington, Wis., after a visit in O'Neill, Mrs. Boyle being a sister of Ed F. Gallagher and Mrs. Birmingham.

It is noted in a story in a recent issue of The Frontier that Will H. Spindler has rounded out 28 years teaching the young Indians up there in their picturesque lands of the Pine Ridge. Mr. and Mrs. Spindler make their home at Wounded Knee and probably can give the Sioux war cry with the best of them. I recall a few years ago while waiting to board a westbound train at the Union Station in Omaha of striking up a conversation with a young woman who sat beside me and learned that she was a full-blooded Sioux from that Potato Creek school up on the Pine Ridge and had addressed friend Will as Professor Spindler. She was on her way at the time back to the Pine Ridge. What latent longing for the days when her ancestors roamed the plains after buffalo may have lurked behind the polished mask that maybe Professor Will had been instrumental in bringing about was not for a pale face to know. Beautiful, cultured, grammatical command of the queen's English there she sat sedately. Then my train was called. As I sat in the car riding along I thought was it that northern Holt county guy turned Indian teacher who had touched with a magic wand at least one human life to transform that life from savagery to enlightened culture.

A 53-year-old Hollywood notable and his 23-year-old "starlet" bride get their pictures in our evening paper under a three-column headline and lengthy story on page one. Some 800 college students within editorial arms seeking spending a week at special devotions seeking the guidance of the divine Hand may get a two-inch space under a 12-point heading on a back page; young men, young women, working long hours to earn sufficient to pay their way through the state university are never mentioned; prairieLand patriots out over Nebraska making the state what it is a great place to live are passed by unless involved in a highway crackup. Such is "metropolitan" newspapering.

Now its radioactive materials in milk, so the Robert A. Taft Sanitary Engineering Center at Cincinnati, O., is going after it. . . Sixty-five thousand preachers and priests are at work in the world on missionary missions. And the world has never been more in need of their ministry. . . Seven million American youth attended Bible school and summer camps the past summer. . . 10 percent of the 52,000 names listed in Who's Who in America are New Englanders. . . American Lutheran church, with a membership of two million, is being formed to be in action in the religious field of the country by 1960. . . A congressman, a former U. S. senator, a state fiscal and community notables stowed it away at the banquet table and heard speeches in Osmond, the occasion being a public over the completion of new U.S. highway 20 connecting Osmond and Plainview.

There are at least 10 million Americans who can tell you, right now, who will be the next president of the United States.

Indirect taxes are favored by politicians because the public rarely has sense enough to know when they are paid.

Correct this sentence: "I did not take Junior to the circus because he was satisfied after seeing the parade."

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There are millions of Americans whose eyesight remains unimpaired who do not read anything by design.

One reason why so many of us fail to get rich is that we run from hard work like it might be a plague.

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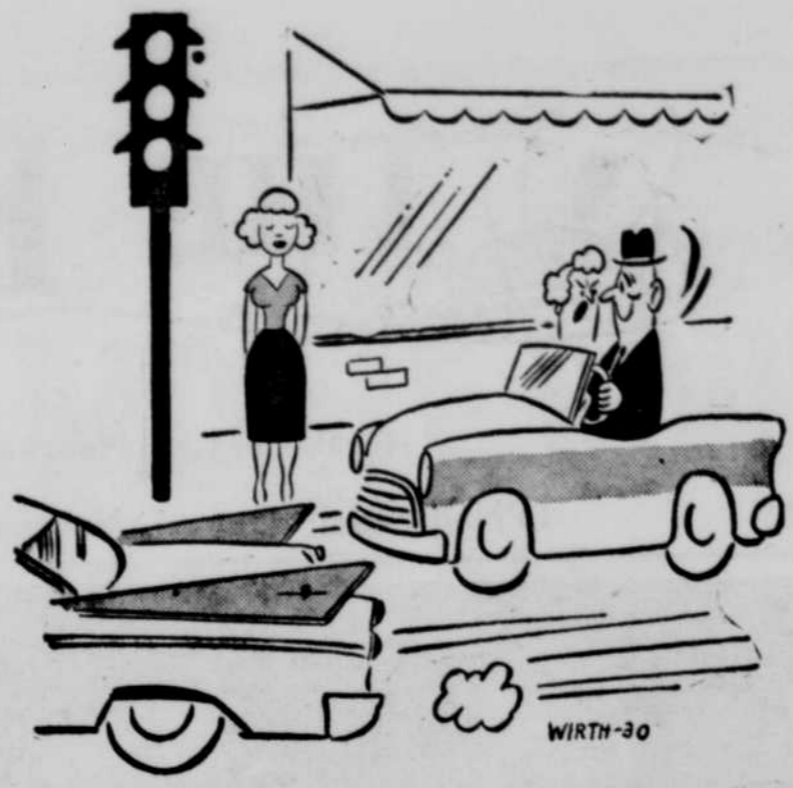
There is always a point to our paragraphs—even if it is the period at the end of the sentence.

The enthusiasm of a salesman is in direct proportion to his percentage.

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"How many times does the light have to change before you get!"

When You & I Were Young . . . Sheriff Hall Is Passing Out Cigars

His Daughter Gives Birth to Son

50 Years Ago: Garry Benson, who has been helping The Frontier for the past month, went home to vote. James Carton, a nephew of John Carton, arrived from Ireland and plans to make his home here. . . James Mullen has completed a fine new barn that rests on concrete. He lives just west of town. . . Sheriff Hall is passing out cigars. His daughter, Mrs. G. A. Hamilton of Leavenworth, Wash., had a son.

20 Years Ago: Fred Dobias died suddenly of a heart attack while on the way to Lincoln to enter a hospital. He was a war veteran. . . Orville Searles was killed and four other persons seriously injured when their car stalled on the tracks and was hit by a train, which they did not see. . . Miss Margaret Cuddy was honored at a pre-nuptial shower. She is to be married to John Jensen. . . Prizes were awarded for the best costumes at the Country club Halloween party to the following: Mrs. Homer Mullen and Miss Bernadette Brennan as a couple of blind beggars; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ruzicka, Ted Olson, Mrs. Ralph Oppen, the Misses Anna, Theresa and Grace Connolly, as Dr. DeFoe (Mr. Ruzicka), a French nurse (Mr. Olson) and the quintuplets. Honorable mention went to Mrs. Max Golden as Pop Eye, the sailor; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Coyne, as gentlemen of fashion; Ted Horn, as a colored mammy; the Misses Reta Reardon and Marion Dickson, as Siamese twins; Mrs. R. R. Morrison and Mrs. F. J. Dishner, as policeman with batons, etc. Mrs. Golden and C. E. Stout won first prize in the waiting contest.

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17th Anniversary of WSCS Noted—AMELIA—Women's Society of Christian Service met at the church annex Wednesday, October 16. It was the 17th anniversary of the WSCS and the society celebrated the event with a special program. Mrs. George Fullerton baked and decorated a large birthday cake. Mrs. Lee Gilman and Mrs. Dick Doolittle served the lunch.

Participates in Okinawa Assault—Marine Cpl. Lloyd E. Rits, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ritts of O'Neill, participated in an assault landing exercises on Okinawa, October 21. The landing was held during the movement of Japan based marine units of the third marine division to their new home on Okinawa.

Robert Freed Serving on Commander's Staff—ATKINSON—Robert M. Freed, seaman apprentice, USN, grandson of Mrs. Bert Freed of Atkinson, is serving on the staff of the staff of the commander of the Atlantic fleet air force at the naval air station at Norfolk, Va.

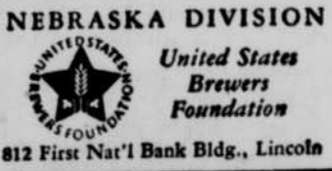
ON DISPLAY—CHAMBERS—The 1958 Chevrolet went on display at the Gillette & Son garage Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Free doughnuts and coffee were served Saturday to the many who came in to see it.

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Makes Report on Rebekah Assembly

INMAN—Arbutus Rebekah lodge met Wednesday evening, October 23, at the IOOF hall. Mrs. Carrie McMahan, noble grand, was in charge. Mrs. Hazel Lorenz gave a report of the Rebekah assembly at York and also the IOOF home at

York. Ellen Brown and Mrs. Eunice Appleby were hostesses for the evening and served refreshments in keeping with the Halloween season. Other Inman News: Miss Laella Watson, who teaches at Holdrege, spent the weekend of October 26-27 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Watson.

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Editorial—

Advisors Fresh Out of Ideas

The Omaha World-Herald Friday took occasion to comment on reported utterances of former Defense Secretary Charles Wilson, who now is back in the privacy of his Detroit, Mich., home. Wilson is supposed to have told friends that he thinks President Eisenhower got bad advice and made a serious, long-lasting mistake in Little Rock.

The World-Herald offered this: "There are other reports that Mr. Eisenhower suspects it was a mistake and is unhappy with his advisers, particularly the departing Herbert Brownell, a native Nebraskan and the retiring attorney-general.

"Whatever the misgivings and whoever gave the advice, it was Mr. Eisenhower who made the move. And it will be up to the president to get himself and the country out of an unhappy predicament. It seems pretty clear that his advisers are fresh out of ideas"

Easy Living Not Good

Dependability is a trait in human beings which is often underrated and which should be cultivated by every young man and woman—and others too, for that matter.

Today's young men and women can take a job or leave it, and be fired from one job and find another, and can usually find a way to obtain enough money to get by on, one way or the other. All of this is good, except for the fact that an easy life does not necessarily build character.

We have seen that soft, easy living has prevented America's youth from being good physical specimens. Recent tests involving both American and European boys show that the Europeans are in far better physical shape than we are. So, we must conclude that an easy life does not develop the qualities of self-sufficiency and dependability as widely as these characteristics are developed in tougher times.

Perhaps it is better to have the easy times and the advantages that go with them rather than tight times. It is nevertheless desirable to see the present generation develop the quality or reliability and dependability which so many older people seem to have. It will be noted that many of the top executives in the business world are far more eager to perform a personal service for a small profit than many of today's youngster's who seem to lack the fire and the will to please that are so necessary if one is to stay on top during both good times and bad.

Reprehensible Crime

There is one remedy which might curtail the amount of drunken driving on U. S. highways. It was used recently in Russia and it certainly eliminates the possibility of a recurrence of this offense by the same party.

Not long ago a driver in Russia was hurrying along on an icy road, attempted to pass another vehicle, skidded and struck four pedestrians. One of the pedestrians was killed.

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