

PrairieLand Talk . . .

Scott Death Site Revisited

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

In company with M. R. Horiskey, none better at the steering wheel, we drove the highway and prairie trails into the flat lands of Holt county reaching to the north pole. Mike and I each set foot again, by way of rubber tires, on the soil we once had trod as barefoot pioneer kids in that magnificent stretch of prairieLand northeast of O'Neill.

In our kid days fences were unknown and prairie trails were made in the direction folks wanted to go. But this is the age of the highway engineer and you follow what he has fixed for travelers. Four-wire fences everywhere confining traffic to the section lines. And these fences keep within bound hundreds of sleek cattle that have grown fat on the native grass. It has been dry the past summer in that section but the grass is abundant and as it cures on the ground it puts weight on the beeves. The lack of rain has meant nothing.



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At one time there were many settlers in that part of the county. Today there are two, their premises indicating that they are doing alright on the state's best grass lands.

Mike recalls that his folks were victims of the 1888 blizzard that buried their cattle under mountains of snow. They then moved into O'Neill. Some one has said that the man who first turned a furrow with a plow out that way ought to have been shot. Maybe he was. Occasionally a pioneer herd dust. And it was at a spot out there where Barret Scott was waylaid and led to his doom, his horses shot down, the steel stay of a corset worn by Miss McWhorter saving her life when a bullet struck her. All told, there were five in the Scott party. The sod walls that concealed the men who held up the Scott party are no more and where was enacted Holt county's last great tragedy the wind now sighs across the grass-grown spot that whispered to us of the memories of the long ago.

Some patriot out that way has put a pitiful reward for efforts to produce a little corn. Why worry and work over a field of corn stalks when nature has spread a carpet of grass that puts the meat under the cow hides. The cattle out that way, scads of them that would make any old range rider jump out of his saddle, I was told carry the Putman brand. The Lamont and Richards herds were once known all over that sod-bound region of the empire of Holt.

But there still lives at the western boundary of the flat lands the apple trees Mike informed me were planted by Mike Carroll more than 50 years ago.

Carroll was prairieLand's 7-foot giant, a warm hearted Irishman who suffered the lost or blizzard blinded travelers. Tradition has it that the Custer army on its way to it's doom up by the Yellowstone went through just north of the Carroll homestead. My first night on prairieLand I was lost in that vicinity.

State Sen. Frank Nelson had the last laugh. When a freshman in the state legislature in 1949 he got up and told the veterans of several sessions that their proposed blanket tax law was unconstitutional. Now at the special session that adjourned September 5, he had the laugh on those fellows who had put the bill through in '49 and were now trying to find a way out for the mess made by the law the supreme court held to be unconstitutional. So with a merry twinkle in his eyes Frank arose and reminded his colleagues had they done as he told them in '49, they would not have had to deal with this special session.

An Irish clergyman with a gift of pulpit oratory that moves multitudes who I count as a friend was traveling the highway with his wife in Indiana last week when there came the choice of crashing into a coming car or taking to the ditch. They took the ditch. After turning over three times their car came to rest a total wreck. Mr. and Mrs. Joyce walked out of the wreck without a scratch. "The angel of the Lord campeth round about them that fear Him."

PrairieLand Talker came back to his typewriter after a few days' sojourn among familiar scenes which brought him in touch again with warm-hearted friends, many of whom I have known from those lustre-tinted days of youth on down through the years and now see them crowned with the white glory of long life, who have passed the dazzling splendor of early romance, faced life's sterner storms to anchor safely in the haven of security and serene living as life's sunset approaches; the young, too, who are fired with ambition and those who are forever young. And in addition to the throbbing life of dear friends the alluring charm of prairieLand's far-flung landscape touched with the lights and shadows of a house of war-torn portions of earth. Some of prairieLand's boys, fathers' and mothers' boys, have been taken from the peaceful scenes of community life to bleed and die on battle fields. Until the last shock of time shall bury the empires of men in one common ruin prairieLand dwellers may look out and up on the sky at night to behold glittering orbs unchanged by the wars and worries of men.

Yankeeland has 17 million TVs and more being added day by day. Thus there are in the United States six times more screens available for you to gaze at them all others in the world put together. We have every new thing that gets going, yet there are still some among us who get their enjoyment out of the simple things of life, the gold and purple sunset, the evening note of the meadowlark, the night call of a mother coyote to her puppies, the picture on the limitless screen above when the stars open to our vision the measureless depth of eternity. TV throws on the screen a combination of man's monkeyshines, partisan hogwash, cigarette and firewater appeal and a line now and then of worthwhile information. Looking out upon nature's far-flung picture, the sordid things of life fade away and the soul is lifted to the celestial heights in contemplation of the immensity and grandeur of it all.

At the entrance to the alley just off Douglas street at F.M.H. O'Neill folks are missing an entrancing floral picture if they have not taken a morning off in early September. At the entrance to tinpan alley the householders have done their part to invite you to pause and look. At the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Sherbahn, clinging to a high framework the morning glory vines were loaded with deep blue beauty a morning I passed there recently. Moving on into the alley it is best to look the other way when passing the traditional alley back yard. And Douglas street proprietors of many of the business places would make it look more attractive to their doors by cleaning the sidewalks of accumulated rubbish.

According to a recent published list, there are 100 Nebraska towns with bonded indebtedness. Columbus in Platte county has the distinction of being listed 10 times with refunding and paying bonds on which balances remain ranging from \$3,000 to \$234,000. Three Holt county towns have outstanding bonds. Page, O'Neill and Stuart, according to the published list. During August, municipalities issued \$235,200 in bonds and school bonds in the sum of \$958,000. "To say Nebraskans have no public debts is not "the whole truth and nothing but the truth."

Down here in the capitol city Mrs. Mary Kenney is doing her darndest to make the American party go over with a write-in for Gen. McArthur. The lady's activities are at least interesting though the fruitage turns out to be a stewed crow.

Senator McCarthy, Wisconsin's fighting Irishman, won a renomination hands down. His battle in the senate to eliminate communist sympathizers in government service meets the approval of the folks who know him best.

Europeans tell us that "men are the boss of the old country." Apparently, and what a mess they have made of it.

MacArthur, Taft Had to Go

What About Redistricting?

(Stanton Register)

A subject quite strenuously avoided by most Nebraska weekly editors has been school redistricting.

Apparently the scheme met with such disfavor from the start that committees appointed to look into further action found it advisable to table the whole thing and try to forget it.

Actually there are things about redistricting that are good. And, by the same token, there are things about it that are justifiably criticized. There is no question but that better rural education could be obtained if a group of neighboring schools would join together, build a more adequate building and lump their students into larger groups. It is not the exception but often times the rule for a pupil to be the only member of his particular grade in the small rural schools. Such a situation just isn't favorable from an educational standpoint.

Putting a half-dozen schools of 10 to 15 enrollment together would result in one considerably better school with a student body of 60 to 65. Three or four teachers would be able to handle the students quite capably. The whole thing, once the building was paid for, would be more economical than the present situation.

There are those, however, who violently protest redistricting. They feel it is a measure which will remove the education of their children from their direct supervision. In a way it is so. They also contend that, particularly in Stanton county, roads are not at all conducive to redistricting. It would, of course, be necessary for students to travel greater distances to their classes.

Undoubtedly the thing has a lot of pro and con arguments. And it is equally true that both sides of the question can be fairly considered.

The gist of the matter is whether people want redistricting and when they want it. We predict it will come. It may be many years—and it may be sooner than we think. But redistricting is a measure which is gradually gaining momentum and is going to be difficult to escape.

We find ourselves neither particularly pro nor con on the question. Our primary objective is the thought that the right thing should be done. If redistricting will improve educational methods, we want to see it. If it is no improvement over what we have, we are definitely opposed. Whatever your personal reaction, the question should receive some serious thought on your part. Just as inevitably as the sun rises every morning, the matter is drawing closer to us. Some day we must make a decision.

E. C. Ertl, editor of the Montreal (Canada) Financial Times, offered an interesting estimate of Sen. Robert A. Taft and Republican Presidential Candidate Dwight D. Eisenhower on the eve of the much publicized Taft-Ike rendezvous:

"We think the general ought to be elected so that the mortgage on the U.S. government which specific groups have acquired these past 20 years can finally be cancelled. He ought to be elected, if only to prove that Americans have not forgotten how to throw out an administration. It is important for Canada too, for we are right next door."

"Americans obviously want a real change or no change at all. The possibility of a real change is slim. . . The people who wanted a real change, the 48 percent of the voters who have not voted during the phoney fights of Dewey against the foreign and domestic New Deal: these people have not much more reason today than they had in 1948 or in 1944 to walk across the street. . . We do not think the general will win. He has no message, except his charm and his personality and his honesty. . . We doubt whether personal qualities alone can offset the votes of twenty-four million recipients of monthly government checks."

"MacArthur, the man who called for a searching of souls—who wants to bother about that today?—that man had to go. Taft, the only man with a set of principles, a set of alternatives that make sense—that man had to go. . . They had to go because they had committed the sin which monstrous internationalism can never forgive. They were, as Americans, for America first. . . They have gone, accompanied by the violent jarring of the press, even of most of the Canadian press, which makes one wonder, since we cheer nationalism in the one and jeer it in the other."

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WD—Anna D Newton to Rola O Newton 9-11-52 1- E ½, 19-25 Subject to life interest
WD—Nellie M Smith to Fred D Smith & wf 6-9-52 775- Part of SE¼SW¼ 20-26-12 36 ft x 260 ft
WD—Ira H Moss to Robert E Miles & wf 4-30-52 575 West 10 ft of East 20 ft of Lot 6 Blk H. O'Neill & Hagerly's Add-O'Neill
WD—Melvin H Held to Donald L Heiss & wf 9-8-52 9900- Part of NW¼SW¼ 18-28-9
W—Bert DeGross to William Schmoor 9-8-52 55600- So 127 ft of lots 13 & 14 Blk 31- O'Neill
WD—John R Papke to Eugene L Gesirich & wf 9-6-52 \$2650. Lot 9 Blk 22- Pioneer Townsite Co 1st Add- Stuart
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When You & I were Young . . .

John Zeimer Will Remodel Hall

Purchases Building from Masons

50 Years Ago
Grant Hatfield and Sam Thompson have purchased the cigar and confectionary store of G. W. Smith. . . M. Dowling, president of the O'Neill National Bank, is in the city looking after his business interests. . . The hose team went to Neligh where they raced against the team for a \$50 purse. . . John Zeimer has purchased the building now known as the Masonic hall and will remodel it.

25 Years Ago
President F. J. Dishner and Secretary Peter W. Duffy tell The Frontier that everything is ready for the big Holt county fair in O'Neill. The wedding of Bernard Matthews and Miss Winifred Murray was solemnized at St. Patrick's Catholic church. . . The HOA club of the Presbyterian church is having an ice cream social on the church lawn.

10 Years Ago
Thirty boys have left for Ft. Leavenworth, Kans. . . Mrs. Laura Burk received word that her son, Robert, had arrived at San Francisco, Calif. . . Mr. and Mrs. Max Wanser went to Grand Island to meet Cpl. and Mrs. Emmett Carr. . . Weather permitting, the finals of the city golf tournament will be played next Sunday. Max Golden meets Allen Jaskowiak in the championship fight.

One Year Ago
Mrs. Everett Gorgen was taken to a Norfolk hospital where her illness was pronounced as polio . . . Mrs. Seth Noble, who 53 years ago was initiated into the Order of Eastern Star at Plankinton, S.D., was honored by Symphony chapter 316. . . The Ellenwood motor court of Atkinson sold last week for \$60,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clark of Folsom, Calif., and their granddaughter, Mary Ann Clark, of Hammond, Ind., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ott. Mrs. Clark along with Mrs. Ott and a number of others she visited while in this vicinity attended the Joy school three years 1898, '99 and 1900. Mrs. Clark was formerly Miss Ollie Morrison.

State Capitol News . . .

Supporters of Senator Taft Not Coming Around to Full Backing of Eisenhower

LINCOLN—A squabble of big league proportions broke out here this week between two powerful organizations both interested in providing more revenue for Nebraska highways.
Tal Coonrad, young Custer county supervisor who lives at Sargent, fired off a blast in behalf of the All Nebraska association, a group of business and civic leaders formed to promote Gov. Val Peterson's 1948 highway program.

H. G. Greenamyre of Lincoln, executive secretary of the BNA, refused to comment on Coonrad's statement which said in part:

"The Better Nebraska association the past week went on record as favoring among other things the imposition of an additional two-cent gas tax. This group carried the ball, so to speak, when the one-cent additional gas tax was enacted in law by the 1949 legislature and they also fought for the continuation of this additional one-cent tax prior to the November, 1950 referendum, but they were defeated in their efforts."

"Having shot for the clouds and missed, the BNA is now now shooting for the moon. It is absolutely impossible to secure the passage of legislation which would facilitate the acceleration of the Nebraska road construction program by antagonizing state senators."

The last statement apparently was a reference to the fact that some legislators—notably Arthur Carmody of Trenton—profess a hearty dislike for Greenamyre and BNA. Carmody was the author of a bill in the 1951 session to create a highway commission. He charged the BNA with "sabotaging" it.

Good News —

The department of agriculture had some good news for Nebraska last week: the outsize corn crop looks even better now than it did a month ago. The department estimates the yield will be 35 bushels an acre or 247,800,000 bushels, an increase of more than 7 million bushels over last month's estimate.
Oats—19 bushels per acre or 47,272,000 bushels, compared with 28 bushels and 60,816,000 bushels last year and a 10-year average of 27.2 and 61,349,000.
Sugar beets—12 tons an acre or 696,000 tons, compared with 12.4 and 693,000 last year and a 10-year average of 12.6 and 704,000.
Dry beans—1,550 pounds per acre or 686,000 bags compared by an estimated 1,400 pounds or 784,000 bags a month ago. Last year's production was 1,250 pounds or 921,000 bags.

Bad News —
For Nebraska republicans, the news wasn't so good. Party officials are frankly concerned over the failure of the Nebraska supporters of Sen. Robert A. Taft for GOP nomination to come around to full backing of Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The problem was flushed pretty well into the open at the party's post-primary convention in Kearney last week. Traditionally a love feast with nothing more controversial than the election of a state committee and state chairman to mar party harmony, this year's session heard speaker-after-speaker implore the delegates to forget their past differences and work together for Ike's election.
One of the leaders in the fettering, the party's finance committee was told, is Rep. Howard Buffett of Omaha, uncompromising support of Taft who has never said he would back Ike and who reportedly told friends he would not vote for him.
Finance Chairman Joe Wishart of Lincoln conceded that Buffett's activity has "put the boys in Omaha on the spot" so far as picking up campaign contributions are concerned.
Just how wide the split is may be seen more clearly at Omaha today (Thursday) when Eisenhower speaks at Ak-Sar-Ben coliseum.

CHAMBERS NEWS

Mrs. Mabel Kelly of Bolivar, Mo., came Thursday, September 11, to visit her mother, Mrs. Valo Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Medcalf and Bobby and Kathy, of Sioux City are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Medcalf and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Carpenter for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bell and daughter drove to Ord on Sunday to visit her mother, Mrs. Hattie Richardson.

Sunday dinner guests in the William Jutte home were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tucker and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ermer.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bryant of Norton, Kans., spent the weekend with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Sexton and Nadine.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jungbluth and family, his mother, Mrs. Margaret Jungbluth and brother, Glen Jungbluth, drove to Schuyler on Tuesday, September 9, to visit relatives. They returned Wednesday, September 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kutcher and John Adams of Austin, Tex., came Friday to visit relatives and friends. They left Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Steskak and daughter, Bonnie, of Emmet spent Sunday, September 14, with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jungbluth, and family.

Richard Harley has been promoted to A/2c. He is attending a radar school at Biloxi, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Backhaus left Monday for Omaha to take their

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daughter, Joellen, to St. Joseph's school of nursing where she will take training. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Grossnicklaus and children.
Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Mace, jr., and son, Richard, were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Ritterbush Sunday evening.

Sunday guests in the Roy Backhaus home were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boshart and family and John Kersenbrock, of O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Backhaus of Amelia, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thomson and Judy and Susan Thomson of Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Brother-

ton of Greeley, Colo., and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stahly of Milford came last week to attend the funeral services for Mrs. Brother-ton's and Mrs. Stahly's brother-in-law, Lee Sammons at Amelia.
Dale Perry and Ardell Bright went to Wyoming Sunday to spend a few days deer hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Hopkins of Los Angeles, Calif., visited his mother, Mrs. Iva Hopkins, last week.

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ASSETS

Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection. . . \$ 843,200.78
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed . . . 1,965,011.84
Obligations of States and political subdivisions . . . 50,201.70
Corporate stocks (including \$3,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve Bank) . . . 3,000.00
Loans and discounts (including \$647.99 overdrafts) . . . 523,895.80
Bank premises owned \$3,000.00 . . . 3,000.00

Total Assets . . . \$3,388,310.12

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations . . . \$2,812,769.45
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings) . . . 83,342.78
Deposits of States and political subdivisions . . . 144,215.55
Deposits of banks . . . 115,027.61
Total Deposits . . . \$3,155,355.39

Total Liabilities . . . \$3,155,355.39

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital Stock:
Common stock, total par \$50,000.00 . . . \$ 50,000.00
Surplus . . . 50,000.00
Undivided profits . . . 132,954.73
Total Capital Accounts . . . 232,954.73

Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts . . . \$3,388,310.12

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