

Prairieland Talk . . .

Hotel Dining Rooms Disappear

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN—Exclusive of those now a part of the business life of O'Neill there have been 10 hotels operating in the town. The first was an open house located about where the Burlington roundhouse is now and conducted by a genial gent by the name of Sparks. One of the early ones was the Valley house located where the Davidson plumbing shop now stands and was conducted by the O'Donnell family, some of whom are still among us.



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The next in order of chronology was the Commercial hotel where Colonel Moore now resides on lower Fourth street. A block south of the Commercial, or rather at the south of the same block, was Ed Evans' three-story frame hotel that burned down one windy day. Where the Knights of Columbus hall now stands was the Arcade under the management of John Zieler, who later had a hotel a few doors to the east on that street.

On the south side of the same street was Hotel Evans, the jolly Wes Evans and his estimable wife catering to the elite of the community. At a much earlier period the Mitchell house was in operation about where the ladies now get their permanents and other beauty needs on the north side of Douglas street between Fourth and Fifth.

On the opposite side of the street the O'Connell house functioned with Charley Hemstreet receiving the guests, and later a pugmistic gent by the name of Chissem took over, first having run a hotel where the postoffice is now located.

Hotels at that time served meals, Mr. and Mrs. William Beha of the old Commercial hotel and the Western being about the last that maintained dining rooms. There were also a few private homes where the mistress served meals to such notable bachelors as Judge Kinkaid, John Hecker, Pat McManus, John McDonough and some others. Moreover, there was a lively barn for each hotel, an alcoholic victim down by the Burlington tracks on Third street looking after hotel guests from the country and stabling their horses when he was sober.

To demonstrate what they can do when of a mind to really work, knights of the saw and hammer of Lincoln's carpenter union put up a house in five days. . . More partisan hogwash. With what holy horror are the political saints in control in Washington shocked because friends of the republican vice presidential nominee contributed to a fund to help him out on his campaign expenses. . . The Nebraska library commission has books that talk, volumes of fiction and also of facts, now available for the blind. Machines necessary to play the talking books are available on a loan basis by writing to W. C. McMillen, superintendent of the school for the blind at Nebraska City. . . The Empire state building in New York City, the tallest man-made thing in the world, has been struck by lightning 226 times in the past 10 years. . . A soldier of World War I received a government check recently for \$21,963 back pension and is now paid \$57.50 monthly. . . A laboratory costing 10 million dollars will be built on Plum Island off the coast of New London, Conn., for research work in foot and mouth disease in cattle by the department of agriculture.

Today daughter-in-law, assisted by her mother's capable hands and more or less under mother's directions, filled a cargo of glass jars with golden pears, bluish-ripened peaches and that popular product of gardens, the red ripe tomato. This has been one of the last in a series of "canning bees," whereby storage shelves have been filled row upon row. So when autumn's lengthening shadows merge into the sombre hues of winter the family may feel a sense of security, if not thumb their noses at that functionary known as food price stabilizer.

The least important official job makes an important guy out of the least important gent in the community.

Gov. Adlai or Gen. Ike?

Beware the Peddlers (From the Wayne Herald)

There are reports that book salesmen are again making the rounds in the Wayne region. Every time these high pressure salesmen "work the territory" somebody gets stuck. Warnings against dealing with traveling men and women have been issued time and again. However, each day, week, month and year there are more "victims."

Most of the deals offered by these salesmen are legitimate, in a sense. You generally do get something in return for your money. But it is seldom what you think you are going to get.

Wayne business houses have become the "goat" in many of these transactions. Salesmen contact farmers or residents and make sales. The purchaser generally gives a check. The salesmen waste no time in getting to a local store where they buy some small item and cash the check to pay for the purchase.

Sometimes the victim gets to thinking the deal over and decides he got the worst of it and calls the bank and stops payment on the check. But, the salesman no longer has the check and some local businessman is stuck when he tries to deposit it at the bank.

The businessman can go back on the salesman's "victim" and ask payment but many times the person writing the check might be a good customer and, to avoid a scene, the merchant "just writes the deal off."

If, after numerous warnings, area residents are going to insist on "being stung" then they should get stung and not any innocent third party. If you enter into an agreement with traveling salesmen, you are fair prey and should consider yourselves as such.

It all boils down to this—there are few, very few, items traveling salesmen can offer you that your local merchant cannot—and if you have any complaints your local merchant is going to be around to lend an ear.

You'll get better returns for your dollar spent and have fewer regrets if you trade locally.

There will be six amendments to the state constitution placed before the voters on the November 4 Nebraska ballot. Government steadily gets more complicated.

There's more-and-more talk about the urgency of good roads in Nebraska. And more-and-more people are now convinced that money is the all-important factor.

If you didn't have your fill of pancakes, sausage, etc., in O'Neill Tuesday it wasn't the fault of the Chamber of Commerce.

The dean of the Kansas State college has written learnedly denouncing "organic farming" as bunk and carries the torch for the commercial fertilizers. There are several notables around over prairieland who missed life's opportunity to win college degrees but who have made observations, carried on experiments on their own, and out of the experiences of a lifetime know that such matters that comes from agriculture schools at taxpayers' expense is pure bunk.

Prairieland rolls out the bales of hay and puts the fat on the steers today as it did a half-century ago and not an ounce of commercial fertilizer has ever touched the country.

Our back yard this spring was introduced to commercial fertilizer. The yield was a little above normal in quantity and somewhat below in quality, products having a toughness and lacking the good flavor of those grown normally. After all, isn't snow and rain nature's way of fertilizing? The Kansas gentleman fears "organic farming" is going to "damage the status of important agricultural research." Maybe so. But it produces quality spuds, onions and sweet corn.

During a high wind a day in September 52 years ago Mrs. LaRue, age 35, met her death at the family home, known then as the Little post-office in southern Holt, being crushed by a falling building. Previously during a severe wind storm the LaRues lost heavily. . . October 4 of that year O'Neill was favored with a visit from the man who believed in "step softly but carry a big stick," Theodore Roosevelt, who addressed a crowd in O'Neill from a platform near the railroad. . . That same autumn Mary Ellen Lease of Kansas stumped Nebraska for the republicans. The nearest the Kansas former populist female firebrand got to O'Neill was down at Broken Bow. . . While the political pot was boiling that October one O'Neill hunter garnered five barrels of prairie chickens which he shipped to market. . . Politics got so fancy that fall that the republican county committee imported a notable orator who could address the German population of Stuart, Atkinson and Deloit in their mother tongue. . . And J. P. Mann was advertising to throw in a \$300 piano if you bought goods at his store.

Maybe Ralph Kelly had all he wanted and a little more than the Graphic plant could handle of hay days advertising, but a former Holt county printer is led to wonder why a full sheet poster announcing Atkinson hay days last August bore the imprint of a Los Angeles, Calif., printer. Holt county printers at one time made a specialty of chromatic poster work.

Robert Crosby, himself an experienced legislator and now the republican candidate for governor, thinks our state legislature should be divided on party lines—that is, eliminate the somewhat meaningless nonpartisan idea in selecting state senators. The governor and other state officers, except the court judges, are political party men. An old democratic warhorse, the late Edgar Howard of the Columbus Telegram, was agin' the nonpartisan idea, which sprang primarily from the mugwumps.

Emil E. Placek, a Wahoo banker and registered democrat, says turn the rascals out both in Washington and Lincoln. . . Congress and the president provide the military establishment with \$46,610,938,912 for a period of 12 months, to which a churchman refers a bit regretfully, saying the fighting forces have 25 times more money than all churches of all denominations combined receive to carry on the work of peace through righteousness.

A comparison of home and traffic accidents noted in the capital city discloses that the home has it by four to one. Home casualties include stubbed toes of barefoot kids, skinned shins and tumbling out of bed. Kitchen accidents account for singed fingers picking up a cooking dish and cuts occasioned by the slip of a knife. Maybe the home folks outnumber those in the street brigade 100 to one.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

WD—John Q Hossack to James Q Hossack 6-18-52 \$1- NW 1/4 19-25-13 All 24- E 1/2 E 1/2 - NW 1/4 NE 1/4 23- All 25- NE 1/4 NE 1/4 - S 1/2 NE 1/4 - E 1/2 NW 1/4 - E 1/2 SW 1/4 - SE 1/4 26 SE 1/4 27- E 1/2 NE 1/4 - E 1/2 SE 1/4 34- E 1/2 NW 1/4 - N 1/2 SW 1/4 - SE 1/4 35-25-14

TREAS DEED—J Ed Hancock Co Treas to Anna M Cole 9-25-52- pmt of delinquent taxes-SE 1/4 9-25-13

WD—Benjamin Oetter to Ralph Simpson 9-25-52 \$5500- Lot 42 & So 1/2 lot 43 Blk A-Goldens Subdivision- O'Neill QCD—Anna M Cole to Raymond Beed 9-16-52 \$1- SE 1/4 9-26-13

BUTLER SPEAKS

(Editor's note: Text of Sen. Hugh Butler's remarks at a republican rally here Friday follows.)

I have been very critical of the lavish scale of our foreign assistance spending for a good many years. I have fought and voted against these programs time after time, and tried to at least trim down the size of the appropriations.

I don't know if all of you realize what gigantic sums we are spending for the benefit of foreign countries or how these expenditures affect our own communities here in Nebraska. Just to bring it home to you, I have worked out a tabulation on a per capita basis showing the cost to each county and each city and town in Nebraska.

The total cost of all our various foreign assistance programs for the past 13 years, since 1940, including the money appropriated for this present fiscal year amounts to \$110,287,000,000. All that money comes out of the taxpayers of America. A share of that burden that must be carried by your city, O'Neill, is \$2,215,310. The share that must be carried by Holt county, is \$10,874,559. I know that when some public improvement is needed, such as a new school, and a bond issue is proposed to pay for it, those proposals generally receive the most careful consideration and discussion by all citizens of your community. They can't be approved without a vote by the people, and any such program is always looked over very carefully before you agree to bond yourselves.

Unfortunately, these proposals for spending for foreign assistance are not taken out of the voters for authority. In effect, your federal government has placed a bonded debt on you for the amount I mentioned, \$2,215,310. I do not believe you would ever have approved any such sum if you had had a chance to vote on it.

If we look at the figures on the total national debt, the picture is even worse. As of last August 30, the public debt amounted to \$263,000,000,000. Translating that debt down in terms of your city here, the share of the debt that must be paid for by O'Neill amounts to \$5,282,781. The share for this county, Holt county, is \$25,932,224.

The financial problems of your national government are no different from your local government or your county government. These debts of the federal government have to be paid for by the taxpayers of communities all over the country in just the same way that you have to pay off any bonds you may issue.

O'NEILL LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Winter and Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Knickman have returned to Lincoln after spending several days visiting at the home of Mrs. Winter's father, John Valla.

Mr. and Mrs. George Peterson, jr., and family and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schomburg of St. Edward were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Peterson, sr.

Wednesday evening, September 24, dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Osenbaugh were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hudson of Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Parks and daughter of McAllister, N.M., visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Parks. Harold and Wayne are brothers.

A/2c Stanley Young, who is stationed at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Tex., is home on a leave of absence because of the serious illness of his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Miller of Lincoln recently visited at the Harry Ressel and J. W. Ressel homes.

Weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Peterson were Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Kurran of Lincoln.

Miss Barbara Peterson, who is employed in Sioux City, spent the weekend home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Peterson, sr. She was accompanied home by Miss Helen Parker, also of Sioux City.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mullen recently spent five days at St. Paul, Minn., visiting Mrs. Mullen's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Quinn.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ressel and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ressel drove to Rapid City, S.D. on business and then went on to the Black Hills before returning home. They were accompanied by George Boydston.

Mrs. Echo Hanna of Wood Lake visited recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ralya. Mrs. Hanna is Mr. Ralya's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bruder of Atkinson were Sunday callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rumbaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rubick and Mr. and Mrs. Milford Coats and children drove to Concord Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Johnson. They also stopped in Wayne to visit Lloyd Rubick's mother, Mrs. Viola Rubick.

George H. Pace of St. Joseph, Mo., is here visiting his mother, Mrs. Armeta Pace, and sister, Mrs. John Quig, also his sister, Mrs. C. C. Collins, and his niece, Mrs. George Friesen of Eugene Ore., who spent the weekend here.

State Capitol News . . .

Reenactment of Measures Similar to Gas Tax Increase Seen in Offing

LINCOLN—Nebraska's legislators this week were thumbing through a 121-page report, probably the bulkiest ever issued by a legislative committee. It is the controversial findings of the committee studying highway finance under the chairmanship of Omaha's Sen. Karl Vogel.

Newsmen were told some months ago that the committee had decided nothing; the problem of road revenue was to be bucked back to the legislature. But the report instead called for re-enactment of measures similar to the gas tax increase and registration fees boosts killed in the 1950 referendum.

The committee said voters who knocked out the revenue laws two ago "now appreciate the state's predicament and problems and would favor these bills should they have an opportunity to express their opinion again."

The committee members managed to take a stiff poke at the trucking industry with, "It is generally believed by state highway engineers that overloading of trucks is the cause of a great deal of damage to roads in all sections of the state."

Then they sought to soften the blow by reporting that trucking is a vital industry in America and "should not be subjected to unnecessary harassment. At the same time it should be prevented from destroying millions of dollars invested in public roads and should pay its fair share . . . of highway costs."

Other committee findings: Toll roads are not the answer to Nebraska's highway problem. There's nothing seriously wrong with the state highway department.

The department should be given more authority in law to post weight limits on roads.

NIXON

The Nixon affair was closed this week but capitol politicians still found it something to ponder over in the coffee shop.

"Maybe I'm cynical," a veteran GOP wheelhorse said, "but I thought the whole thing was corny. On the other hand, my wife liked it. Anyway you can't quarrel with the fact that the hundreds of telegrams sent out of Nebraska to Washington have gone a long way toward rallying republicans here in favor of the ticket. Now we have two popular candidates instead of just one."

Meanwhile, the politicians were wondering the significance of the wire State GOP Chairman David T. Martin of Kearney sent to National Chairman Arthur Summerfield urging that Nixon be kept on the ticket and Eisenhower should fire his advisors.

It's an open political secret here that Martin has been feuding since the Chicago convention with Sen. Fred Seaton and other members of Citizens for Eisenhower. Martin thinks the original Ike backers are insisting on too big a voice in the conduct of the campaign.

RESISTANCE

Applications of two big Nebraska telephone companies for rate hikes ran into stern opposition before the state railway commission last week.

The Omaha grain exchange, a powerful force, filed a motion with the commission asking the dismissal of the application of Northwestern Bell. Earlier, the Jefferson county farmers union filed a similar motion in the application of the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company.

CARAVAN

The republican campaign caravan started down the home stretch this week. Appearances today (Thursday) are scheduled for McCook, Curtis, Elwood, Arapahoe, Holdrege, Alma, Franklin and Minden.

On Friday, the candidates will hit Hastings, Red Cloud, Superior, Clay Center, Geneva, Hebron, Deshler and Fairbury with Saturday stops at Beatrice, Tecumseh, Pawnee City, Humboldt and Auburn.

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INMAN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Hartigan of Norfolk are spending a few days visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Watson and with other relatives and friends.

Many from the Inman community attended the dedication of the new St. Anthony's hospital Wednesday afternoon, September 24, in O'Neill.

Mrs. Albert Reynolds entertained a group of ladies at a party Friday afternoon at her home. After the demonstration the hostess served a lunch.

Graydon Hartigan of Alma spent the weekend visiting his mother, Mrs. Marye Hartigan.

Ralph Sholes of Sidney spent the weekend visiting his mother, Mrs. Violet Sholes.

Harlan Morsbach, Don Lines, LeRoy Moore and Lawrence Stevens, who are employed at Rapid City, S.D., spent the weekend here with relatives.

Miss Luella Watson of Atkinson spent the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Watson.

Miss Gracye McGraw of Atkinson spent the weekend here.

Larry Sawyer of Stuart spent the weekend visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Sawyer.

Harold Neilsen, who attends college at Norfolk, spent the weekend visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Neilsen.

Mrs. E. C. Goodin and family of Valentine spent Sunday visiting Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Noe and family of Waterbury spent Sunday visiting Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. James McMahan returned Sunday evening from a two week vacation through Colorado, Kansas, Missouri and part of Nebraska.

The YM club met Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gannon for a regular meeting. Cards furnished the entertainment and lunch was served.

Arbutus Rebekah lodge met in regular session on Wednesday evening, September 24, at the IOOF hall. Members of the Rebekah lodges at Clearwater and Chambers were special guests.

Entertainment for the evening was in charge of Marjorie Kelley, Doris David and Estella Keyes. Refreshments were served by Elsie Krueger, Helen Van Horn, Emma Moore, Ethel Tompkins, Grace Luben, Carrie McMahan, Marena Nielsen and Anna Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Tomlinson of Norfolk spent Thursday afternoon visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Coventry and family.

Mrs. Lottie Thompson left on Sunday for Grand Island where she will make her home this winter. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brittell and daughter, Betty Jean, took Mrs. Thompson to Grand Island and visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Thompson and sons.

Members of the RLDS church held an all day meeting at the church Sunday. A basket dinner was served on the church lawn at noon. Many members and visitors were present for the meeting.

Mrs. Sadie Shephard of Johnston spent the weekend here with friends.

Mrs. Helen Starlin and Mrs. Winnie Barger went to Lincoln Sunday and returned Monday. While there they visited relatives and friends.

DR. DONIS HOFFMAN IS 3-YEARS-OLD

CHAMBERS—A birthday anniversary party, in honor of the third birthday anniversary of Donis Hoffman, was held at the Bernard Hoffman home Friday evening, September 26.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hoffman, Pete and Diane, J. S. Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wandersee, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hoerle and Mrs. Fred Wandersee.

11 Guests at Party— Saturday afternoon a party was given for Johnny, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Osenbaugh. Eleven little guests were present. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Osenbaugh.

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