

Prairieland Talk . . .

Wade's Father Slain by Vigilanter

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN—A lone horseman rode near the brink of the Big Sandy up in the Dustin country a day in the long ago. A human hand sticking out of the sands arrested his attention. Dismounting to investigate, the hand appeared to be attached to a human body lying buried there. Re-mounting and putting the spurs to his horse he hastened to the home of L. M. Kime, trustee of what was then known as Stuart township and told that frontier official of what he had seen. The body was found to be that of Kid Wade's father and a single bullet hole in a vital spot told the story of some vigilanter putting one more of a suspected ring of horse thieves out of operation. The township gave the old man a decent burial as was later given his son who had swung from a whistling post at the hands of masked men. And so today human bones lie under Holt county sod in unmarked and long forgotten graves.



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Mrs. Prince becomes a victim of our primary system. As chairman of the board of control no mark of incompetency has been laid against her. That primary election built upon an alleged foundation of popular expression turned out to be a builder of rival factions. Mrs. Prince was obligated to the governor, Val Peterson, and supported him against Senator Butler. Now the payoff comes and her resignation from the board before the expiration of the term for which she had been appointed became a forced move. That she had displayed courage and womanly dignity in putting it up to Governor Crosby to accept her resignation and name a successor agreeable to himself and others behind the scenes is commendable. I do not know at this writing how Val Peterson will come out there in Washington but entertain a secret hope that he will tell them all to go jump in the Potomac, while he comes back home, gets into editorial work, peels some hides and exposes sore spots for treatment.

It was about the year 1905 Ray Saberson introduced automobile travel to O'Neill. One day he, John Weekes, Oscar Snyder and R. R. Dickson took off at about 11 o'clock, had dinner in Spencer and then on to Butte, arriving home that evening. This so impressed the editor of the Butte Gazette that in telling of it in his paper he said "with swift travel like this at hand air ships are useless." Swift travel was rated 20 miles per hour. Lincoln is visited by notables from many countries. A Canadian mountie featured the session of state sheriffs in the capital city early in January. February 1 falls on Sunday, the 28th on Saturday, the only page of the calendar this year that will have four full weeks with its blanks. Now comes Senator Carpenter from Scottsbluff with a sales tax proposition to hook onto Nebraskans. A number of Nebraska communities have their saddle clubs, but the military is in the saddle just the same.

Again creatures of the jungle demonstrated that they are the true weather prophets. A calm evening after a day that caused water from patches of snow to run in the streets, coyotes hanging in an otherwise uninhabited gulch gave the alarm of an approaching storm. Twenty-four hours later rain, snow and a violent wind from out of the north hit the Lincoln area.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pierce down by Amelia have had a sale and for the rest of the winter can spend cold mornings in bed instead of rolling out to get going looking after the herds. After a lifetime spent at the ranching business a rest is due any industrious couple. Frank has known the privation, the stark want, the struggles of the pioneer and the joys, the friendships and hospitality since those early days now long gone when the blizzards in winter, scorching winds and prairie fires in summer swept the open country and brought terror to brave men and courageous women building homes on prairie-land. As you "hang up the shovel and the hoe, take down the fiddle and the bow," good wishes for you, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce.

I received today a certificate which makes me a member of the National Geographic society, which comes through an unknown friend's good office. As to geography of the globe on which we dwell the publication which the society puts out gives thoroughly reliable information and I anticipate the pleasure it will bring from time to time. My present grasp of the lay of the land is somewhat better than that an old scout who told me the other day that he had crossed the river so he could say he had been in Canada. The river was the Niobrara and he spent the night in a settler's cabin in Boyd county and came back to Holt thinking he had been in Canada.

How would you like to have a multimillion-dollar business handed to the governing body of the church group with which you affiliate? That has recently been the plum that fell into the lap of a church group with headquarters at the nation's capital. A man and his wife in an Oregon city owning a business capitalized in the millions have turned the entire property over for religious purposes and the more than 600 employees turn out products that bring to the church treasury periodical profits in the form of checks of six figures. The Lord's work has friends, and while "the poor ye have always with you" it is unusual for multimillionaires to so graciously turn over their holdings.

Samuel L. Clemens, otherwise Mark Twain, was born in Florida, Mo. Of this event he said: "The village contained a hundred people, and I increased the population by one percent. It is more than the best man in history ever did for any other town." Mark was born a hundred years too soon. Down there at the Inez store and post-office in the "30's" a babe was born that increased the population of that metropolis of the tall grass country 33 and a third percent.

Gents who are interested in the sale of what they call fertilizing materials are much concerned over "depletion of the soil fertility." Shows this winter are taking care of any fertilizing problems on prairieland. But nobody condemns the fellow who has something to sell for telling the world about it.

The oldtimer was having difficulty about sleeping at night. Consulting one of the medical profession it was suggested that maybe his conscience was troubling him. The old man came up with, "If you doctors get by, what could trouble the conscience of an old scab, like me?"

Mr. Truman, retiring from the presidency, says the country is capable of a half trillion dollar economic development but slyly hints at an industrial crackup. "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

Editorial

Welcome to the Show

Admirers of beautiful cars (and who isn't?) will have a rare opportunity in O'Neill today and Friday to view and inspect a lineup of luxurious road beauties on display at the American Legion auditorium. This show is being conducted by 12 leading auto dealers in the region in cooperation with The Frontier.

Auto shows are not new. But this is the first of its kind ever to be held in O'Neill—multiple dealers lining up their showpieces under one roof and collectively inviting the public to come in.

Probably the only reason a large-scale show of this type never before has been here is because only in very late years has there been an inside auditorium capable of accommodating these highway vehicles.

This new year, 1953, is destined to be an important year in the automotive industry. There have been dramatic advances in styling and engineering, and on the national level observers are predicting keen sales competition.

All leading dealers in the area were invited to participate. Probably a total of 20 models will be on display inside and outside the Legion auditorium. Participating dealers have been urged to have demonstrator cars available outside the building for demonstration rides. Unfortunately, not all dealers are able to provide readily demonstrators as well as show cars.

There will be free coffee and cookies provided throughout both days, there will be a special "Voice of The Frontier" broadcast direct from the floor, there will be lots of gifts and favors and, all-in-all, the show is intended to provide a pleasant and refreshing interlude for all visitors.

It is sincerely hoped that the show will induce visitors to the city from afar, and that in the years ahead the exciting advancements in the automotive field again and again can be viewed first-hand and appraised by folks in the O'Neill region. After all, we are quite far removed from the metropolitan centers and an auto show, O'Neill style, even with some of its limitations, is an affair that should interest a great many people.

Of course, it will be free . . . and we hope you'll come.

An "army" of mothers will march tonight (Thursday) through the streets of O'Neill, as well as many other cities and towns throughout the country. They will be giving an extra push to the infantile paralysis fund-raising campaign which officially closes Saturday. These mothers will make house-to-house solicitations. Omaha will send out 15-thousand mothers; O'Neill perhaps a hundred or more. The drive against polio is another war against a destroyer of mankind. And, like all wars, innocent children bear the brunt. O'Neill residents, we're sure, will respond readily and generously to the call.

A Real 'Snap'

(Bill Plourd in Nance County Journal)

Running a newspaper is a snap in case you have never suspected it. Machinery does all the work. You sit in the office and write beautiful prose, and the machinery never breaks down or causes any trouble. Everybody brings in news and advertising copy on time, and it is all carefully written and there are no mistakes in the dates. The only interruptions you have are when people drop in or phone to tell you what a nice job you are doing.

With literally thousands of names and dates and prices and places and circumstances in a single issue, nobody on the place ever gets anything wrong, even when working under pressure to meet the week's many deadlines. Nothing ever gets left out of the paper by accident. Proofreaders are mind readers and can always know what the patron intended, whether he wrote it that way or not. You can always get paper and other supplies whenever you need them, and the firms that sell them never expect prompt payment, which is nice, because everybody you sell to always pays promptly.

You don't get a vacation because you never need one. You never get tired. You spend long evenings at home loafing and you have time to attend all public gatherings, board meetings, entertainments and social affairs. People never ask you to keep news out of the paper or to put tripe into it. If, on very rare occasions, a mistake does get into the paper, the people who call about it always laugh understandingly and say, "That's perfectly alright."

You are never asked to contribute to any of the many worthy causes because these groups all know you have been giving the event generous publicity, but shucks, it doesn't cost anything to get type set and corrected and printed and mailed, so you get off pretty easy.

People whose political views differ with yours never think you are in the secret pay of the opposition, and the people who haunt the office to get favorable publicity for a coming event always come in right afterward and give you full details of the program, and you never have to hunt them up just before press time and find they've left town or gone fishing.

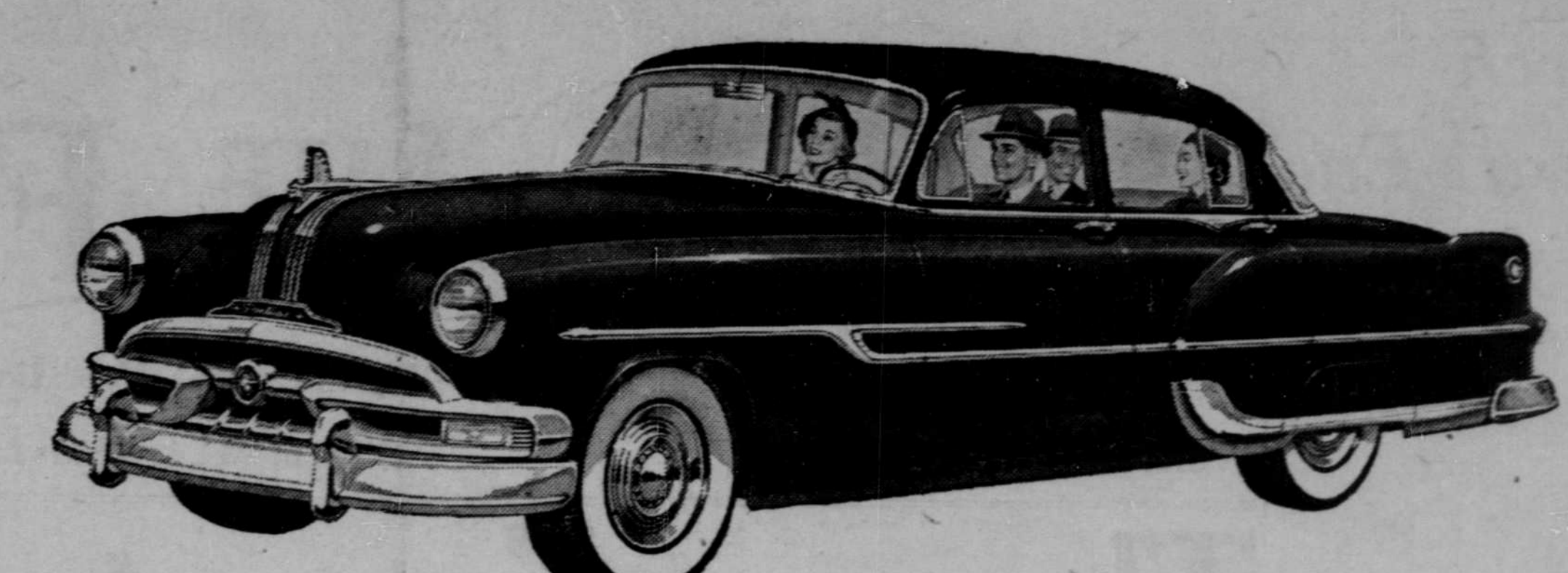
Newspapering is a snap any way you look at it, and it's time editors told the public how wonderfully simple and easy it is.



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Dual-Streak Pontiac . . . completely restyled inside and out.

the car over rough roads and curves and in combination with other chassis elements produces a substantially improved ride, according to Manager Herbert Kaiser of the Krotter firm. Describing the new development, announced as "curve control front suspension," Kaiser pointed out that the action of the front wheels of an automobile on a turn is controlled by many practical limitations which prevent the full utilization of the principles best represented by a bicycle, where the wheels tilt or incline into the turn, giving a natural banking action. After several years of research and development, curve control front suspension is introduced on the 1953 Pontiac car as a practical approach to the adoption of this principle of front wheel characteristics on a curve, Kaiser said. The net result is a sharp reduction of wheel tilt on curves, providing improved line handling and steering characteristics. Also there is less tire noise, and tires have longer life.

The Elkhorn Extension club will sponsor a polio benefit card party at the American Legion lounge February 1 at 8 p.m. Both pitch and pinocle will be played. A lunch will be served. Admission 50c each. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rumbaugh and Dell were Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mrs. Irene Martin.

State Capitol News . . . New Governor Recommends \$7-Million Less Than Amount Appropriated

LINCOLN—Gov. Robert B. Crosby went before the legislature this week to recommend that it appropriate \$166,379,614 to operate the government of the state for the next two years. The figure is about \$4 1/2 million less than recommended by ex-Gov. Val Peterson and about \$7 million less than was appropriated for the current biennium. Perhaps the significant totals for most taxpaying Nebraskans is the amount to be spent from the general fund, supported principally by state tax money. (Comparisons are shown at right).

Jolt—Governor Crosby's budget message contained a rude jolt for the counties. He proposed legislation shifting from the state to the counties the \$1 million a year tab for health service payments. "The cost of health services has been mounting rapidly during recent years," the legislators were told. "At the centralized level of state government it has been impossible to exercise an effective control over the amounts paid for nursing home service, hospital service, nurses, drugs, doctors and so forth. Local financial responsibility should supply effective local control."

The scheme, Crosby said, enabled him to trim \$2 million from Peterson's budget. Crosby stressed that his recommendations for subsistence payments totals the same as Peterson's. He said he thinks every assistance recipient should be allowed to live decently and if the present state ceiling is not high enough, it should be raised. A bill has already been introduced to boost the ceiling to \$70 a month.

More Jolts—There were more jolts in Crosby's message—two stiff ones for the town of Milford where the state trade school and home for unwed mothers are located. Crosby proposed cutting both agencies of with no appropriations. He said he had voted for establishing the trade school when

Killed—

The dubious honor of owning the first bill to be killed by a committee went to Aurora's Sen. Les Anderson. He had proposed that no candidate for public office could spend more in his campaign than the salary for the term of the office he sought. The bill was the result of a campaign promise made when Sen. Anderson said he was appalled at the amount of money being spent in the 1952 GOP gubernatorial primary. The committee took less than five minutes to decide the bill wasn't much good.

Hot Water—State Engineer Harold Aitken got himself in hot water with the introducers of a bill to allow trucks a 5 percent tolerance in overload limits when he spoke against the measure to a group of engineers in Omaha. The three sponsors, Sens. K. W. Peterson of Sargent, Art Carmody of Trenton and Bill Moulton of Omaha, landed on Aitken with six feet and in effect told him to mind his own business. This is the same bill which then-Gov. Val Peterson vetoed after adjournment of the 1951 session.

LYNCH NEWS—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spencer of Casper, Wyo., spent the past week here with relatives. They visited their daughters, Mrs. Veldon Lee and Mrs. Gene Harris, and families. They also attended the Halsey Hull funeral on Tuesday, January 20. Mr. and Mrs. Art Peters of Spencer visited the Bill Teadtke home Sunday. Ed Johns was a business visitor in Sioux City Thursday. Mrs. Don Allen was a business visitor in O'Neill on Wednesday, January 21.

Improved Steering Pontiac Feature

The new 1953 Dual-Streak Pontiac, the finest, most beautiful, most luxurious car that can be built at a price so close to the lowest, will be a feature of the 1953 O'Neill auto show. From an engineering standpoint, probably the most interesting technical development in the 1953 Pontiac car is the improved steering system and front suspension which contributes greatly to the easy handling of

Crosby's Proposed Expenditures

Table showing breakdown of state general fund expenditures proposed by Crosby and largely supported by state tax money. Columns include Current Appropriations, Asked by state agencies, Suggested by Peterson, Suggested by Crosby, All Funds, and Gen'l Fund.

Biennium Distribution of State Tax Money

Table showing breakdown of state tax money on some of the larger agencies. Columns include Crosby's Recommend., Ag's Expects to Spend, and Peterson's Recommend. Rows include Highway department, Assistance, University of Nebraska, Board of control, Normal schools, Military department, Health department, Vocational education, Game commission, State superintendent, Labor department, Agriculture department, Aeronautics department, Educational lands & funds, and Twenty-nine other depts.

Large advertisement for the 1953 Pontiac Dual-Streak. Features include: Presenting THE GREAT NEW 1953 DUAL-STREAK Pontiac. Key features listed: COMPLETELY NEW DUAL-STREAK STYLING, NEW LONGER WHEELBASE, LONGER, LOVELIER, ROOMIER BODIES, PONTIAC'S WONDERFUL NEW POWER STEERING, NEW ONE-PIECE WINDSHIELD-WRAP-AROUND REAR WINDOW, SPECTACULAR NEW OVER-ALL PERFORMANCE. See and Drive at the O'NEILL AUTO SHOW. SEE THIS NEW DUAL-STREAK BEAUTY IN OUR SHOWROOMS NOW! More New Features Proving That Dollar for Dollar You Can't Beat a Pontiac! Includes a list of features like New Comfortmaster Ride, New Parking and Steering Ease, New Panorama-View Instrument Panel, New Color Harmony Inside and Out, New Concentric Gear Shift Lever, New Key-Quick Automatic Starting, New Deeper Rear Seat Cushions, New Curve-Control Front Wheel Suspension, New Economizer Rear Axle, and Your Choice of Pontiac's Two Great Power Plants. Ends with: W.M. KROTTER CO. of O'NEILL & SPENCER