

PrairieTalk . . .

Sniggs' 3 Tons of Horseshoes

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN — I don't know whether or not O'Neill has furnished a story that got a start on a trip around the world since The Frontier came out a day in October, 1931, with the story of Emil Sniggs' three tons of horse shoes.



Romaine Saunders

L. G. Gillespie, one of the few survivors of pioneer days in and about O'Neill, was a visitor at the state house during a day's sojourn in Lincoln last week.

November 25 the heavens spread a blanket of snow over prairie land. Since then it has been sunshine and shadow, melting snows, sidewalks and highways iced over and more snowfall.

Out beyond the scarlet-tinted sky, out where sunlight will never die, out under the evening star's bright eye, out beyond the haunts of evil men, away from the talk of flash and crash of atoms, out beyond the bugle call of marching armies and the roar of bombing fleets, away from the political intrigue as well as the scramble for another dollar.

It is definitely announced from Washington that Val Peterson will sit in the white house, which beats a seat in the senate chamber.

Editorial

On Winter Driving

Wilson P. Green, automotive expert at the Armour Research Foundation at the Illinois Institute of Technology, lists the following suggestions to winter drivers:

A heated garage is the best place for your car on cold nights. When parked outdoors, you can reduce the effect of cold weather on the engine by burning a large light bulb under the hood all night.

Your engine will start more quickly if you use a light-weight oil and a husky battery. Disengage the clutch while starting.

Idle your engine before driving off. Do not race your engine for long periods when it is cold.

Apply brakes gently when slowing or stopping in winter, and if you have the new power brakes, test them cautiously for new responses before driving at high speeds.

The main rule is to drive slowly and keep your distance behind the car ahead. Your headlights, windshield wiper blades and defrosters should all be checked.

If you follow this advice, the chances are that accidents will pass you up this winter. And since accidents kill over 600 people in this country each week, these winter-driving rules might save your life, if you follow them.

Time Marches On

(From the Blair Pilot-Tribune)

There was nostalgic and startling news the other day from Los Angeles, Calif. William Magee was dead—and that officially leaves only TWO members of the Grand Army of the Republic, those sturdy veterans of the Union army of Civil war days, still surviving.

It's hard to believe. We recall, as though it were only the day before yesterday, our great-grandad, H. H. Reed, telling us in his own words of how he marched through Georgia with Sherman. And how proud we were of him, even when he admitted he and a buddy snitched two pies from a southern farmwife's window sill as they marched along.

But yet time does march on, like the Boys in Blue. Soon it will be an entire century since the men in blue fought their brothers in gray. Mr. Magee was 106 when he died Friday—that means he must have been only about 15 when he "joined up."

Yes, time marches on. Some day, sooner than we realize, people will point to us and say, "He remembers actually talking to men who fought in the Civil war."

And while it will date us, perhaps, we shall always be proud of the fact—that we actually talked with some of the men whose bloody struggle made possible the united nation we know today.

North-Nebraskans certainly can't complain about the weather. Except for a wretched January 15, the month has produced unusually mild weather.

Governor Crosby's determination to reduce spending in state government for the next biennium makes sense to us.

Most any competent worker can find an excuse for not working.

Life in a large city is one thing when money is plentiful and another when it is not.

I wonder, in these modern school buildings do the kids now line up in a row along the south wall as "teacher" used to have us do and "spell down"? I was one of the first to succumb, but in such event no brown-eyed lass ever came up with what Whittier put into verse 40 years after the grass had been growing on the grave of the little girl who spelled the word a boy, such as many another, had missed.

I'm sorry that I spelt the word, I hate to go above you, Because,—the brown eyes lower fell,— Because, you see, I love you.

The gents and ladies now a part of official Washington stand in happy array for a shot from the camera, smiling and joyful. Lay this picture beside that from Korea, a picture of the grim reality of the world's tragedy into which another group at Washington had drawn America's young manhood. Will this smiling group now taking over be able to bring an end to that Korean tragedy, rekindle the light of hope in war-torn faces and restore young America to their rightful heritage?

Any way, Governor Crosby cutting the budget by nearly five percent overshadows his collection of pipes and that remark about a "hell of a good question." Reducing your budget, of course, implies tightening your belt. It looks like some of the state's fancy things will get the ax which will bring weeping to communities and persons affected. It may not mean much in the final analysis, as a dollar saved in one quarter will be absorbed in another.

Three Holt county gents not enjoying unsullied reputations became involved in charges of contempt of court during the Flannigan trials in the early 1930's. One of the three (real true name unknown) was charged with contacting a juror sitting in the trial of the case and offering him a farm rent free if he would vote for acquittal of the defendants. The others thought to buy a juror for \$50.

Holt county banks are lousy with 10-cent dollars. I recall walking up Fourth street in O'Neill one day in the long ago when I fell in with a young chap as we passed a bank building. He looked up to see if the building was still there, and announced, "I have \$20 in there." That was a stake those days and young Cliff Davis knew how he had earned the wad.

When the legislature gets around to allowing it, each of 295 Nebraska newspapers will get a dip out of the \$92,812.90, the newspaper charges for printing the proposed constitutional amendments voted on at the last election. Of the several amendments all were approved by the voters but the one increasing state senators' pay.

Two incidents of the presidential inauguration overshadowed all others in the minds of the American people, a sentimental lke bowed his head and sent heavenward a silent prayer. And he kissed Mrs. Eisenhower. Husbands, did you take notice?

Sauce for Congressmen

For 10 days the headlines have been full of questions and demands put by congressmen to businessmen President Eisenhower has persuaded to become public servants. These men's financial and personal affairs have been examined with a fine-tooth comb to make certain that they would not conflict with their official duties. Several have been required to make very great sacrifices.

In this, congressmen were fulfilling their obligation to carry out the law. They have pointed out that other citizens, notably the men drafted for war, are also making heavy sacrifices.

All this has prompted us to wonder about the thoughts of congressmen carrying on this inquisition or supporting the demands of sacrifice. Has conscience prompted any self-questioning? Have many congressmen begun to think—as many citizens have—that congress should apply the same yardstick to itself? Remembering the disclosures about extra sources of income for congressmen that came out during the agitation over the Nixon fund, some citizens have said they would like to ask a few questions of the questioners.

THE RURAL MAIL CARRIER

In the cold and blustery weather, When the frost is on the rail, Would you love to face a blizzard With a half a ton of mail? In the biting blizzard weather When the snow comes to your knees, Would you love to fish for pennies While your feet and fingers freeze? When the gleaming snow is drifted Underneath a foot of sleet, Would you love to have the chilblains In your elbows and your feet? When outdoors the wind is whistling, And the air is full of snow, Would you love to have a "Jitney" And the blamed thing wouldn't go? Yes, I'd love the good old fireside, Sipping coffee from a pail, But I have to buck the snowdrifts 'Cause the farmers want their mail. I don't mind the frozen snowdrifts When my knees are still with cramps, If you keep the bloomin' pennies Buy a quarter's worth of stamps, I get snow mixed in my whiskers, And I get it in my socks, But it never hurts my feelings Like loose pennies in a box.

The \$64 question is this: Will coal in the bin hold out or won't it?

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State Capitol News

Rash of Bills Swamps Solons as They Dig in for Busy Session

LINCOLN—The legislature set down to something resembling sanity this week after a hectic rush to meet the Monday deadline for introduction of bills by individual members.

So eager were the lawmakers to write Nebraska's statutes that Bill Drafter Bill Wilson and a battalion of aides worked throughout the weekend to slap together bills that would at least be suitable for introduction.

The grumbling was loud among legislators who had delayed submitting their requests for bills. One senator found so many bugs in his measure he hesitated to offer it but colleagues assured him it would be better to beat the deadline and try to get rid of the bugs later.

Among the last to be introduced was Sen. Dwight Burney's sales tax measure in which he was joined by Sens. K. W. Peterson of Sargent and L. M. Schultz of Rogers.

This is the third try for Burney on a sales tax bill and he's hoping there's some charm in that fact. He estimates the bill would produce around \$26 to \$28 million a year.

Diversion — To the surprise of nobody, the legislature has a water diversion bill in its lap again this session.

The 1947 fight over whether the 57-year-old Nebraska law against diverting water from one basin to another should be repealed still stands as one of the classic struggles in the history of the Unicameral Legislature.

This year's version was introduced by Sen. Richard D. Marvel of Hastings who called his measure of "primary interest and importance to all the people of the state of Nebraska."

Immediately young Sen. Joe Martin of Grand Island promised a last-ditch battle against the bill.

Marvel said, "Representatives from all sections of the state have cooperated in the formulation of the proposed legislation. We believe we have developed a plan which all can support."

While Marvel and Martin, both relative newcomers to the legislature, head up the opposing forces in the legislature, the real protagonists will be the Tri-County Public Power and Irrigation district and the Mid-State Reclamation district.

One ironic twist is that while Martin is allied with Mid-State in the diversion fight, he has offered a series of bills aimed at the district.

Primary

Sen. Hal Bridenbaugh of Dakota City last week came up with a pair of bills designed to reform the method in which Nebraskans indicate their choice for president and express that choice at the national political conventions.

Highways

As they always will, highways continue to make news in the legislature.

Sen. Karl Vogel of Omaha introduced his proposals to re-enact the penny-a-gallon gas tax increase and the higher registration fees which the 1949 legislature enacted but which was repealed in the referendum of the following year.

Highway department officials say the extra cent of gas tax, from a nickel to six cents, would mean \$4½ million a year for the department.

The farm, trucking and petroleum interests which sponsored the 1949 referendum had indicated they would be un-

willing to support additional revenue bills unless and until a highway commission is established.

Sen. Arthur Carmody of Trenton has proposed a commission in this session.

Meanwhile, Sen. Terry Carpenter's demand for a "full report" from the highway department on the state's road situation won the blessing of the legislature and Carpenter was appointed to head a committee to secure the report.

Other members are Sens. Vogel, Tom Coffey of Alma, Otto Lieberson of Lincoln and Hugh Carson of Ord.

Carpenter has proposed a 2 percent sales tax bill with the entire proceeds going for highways.

Teacherages — The legislature has given its tentative approval to a pair of bills designed to help school districts in rural areas solve their teacher housing problems.

The education committee reported out two bills on the subject. One would allow school districts to build, rent or purchase "teacherages," and the other legalizes such previous acts by school boards. The state supreme court some time ago held that such authority does not presently exist.

Several school board representatives and teachers appeared to testify that without housing it was next to impossible to obtain a teacher. There was no opposition.

Bryan

The Bryan statue, that eight-foot likeness of the Great Commoner which adorns—or defaces, depending on which side of the controversy you're on—the front steps of the capitol, is likely to remain there for some time.

The legislature engaged in one of its most heated and lengthiest floor debates of the young session trying to decide whether it should kill a bill giving itself the say-so on removing monuments and "works of art" from the capitol and its grounds.

The decision was to restrict the language of the bill so that it covers a narrower field but still includes the Bryan monument.

Machinery

You can't sell a tractor, corn-picker, cornsheller, combine or hay baler in Nebraska if the serial number is removed according to a bill which has won the endorsement of the legislature's judiciary committee.

One of the session's largest crowds jammed the hearing room to hear both dealers and farmers urge passage of the measure.

The committee reduced the proposed penalty from a maximum of \$5,000 or five years in prison to \$2,500 or a year in prison.

Ewing Perfect

EWING — The following students of the Ewing public school are on the perfect attendance list for the semester:

Senior — Geraldine Bauer; juniors — Sandra Dierks, Judy Jefferies, Harry Williamson; sophomores — Keith Gibson, Melvin Pruden, Jerome Thoendel; freshmen — Irene Kazor, Virginia Latzel; eighth grade — Virginia McDonald, Paul Gunter; seventh grade — Delbert Carl, Darlene Latzel; sixth grade — Lloyd Black, Sherry Daniels, Jerry Hahlbeck, Karen Tuttle; fifth grade — Leon Hahlbeck; fourth grade — Jerry Black, Gene Daniels; third grade — Betty Wright, Larry Tuttle; second grade — Kay Bergstrom, Larry Juracek, Jon Kropp; first and kindergarten — Joan Spangler, Judy Spangler, Terry Wright, Michael Sanders.

Sickness Restricts Club Attendance

Mrs. Marian Woidneck was hostess on Wednesday, January 14, to the Bar X extension group. Only five members were present due to bad weather and sickness in the community.

Mrs. George Syffe, jr., was the winner of a guessing game. An open discussion was held on home nursing.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. George Syffe, jr., on February 19.—By Club Reporter.

Going to Royal

ROYAL—Rev. J. LaVerne Jay occupied the pulpit at the Methodist church on Sunday, February 1, after which dinner was served in the church dining room.

INMAN NEWS

Mrs. Kenneth Coventry is spending a couple of days visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Pinkerman and family in Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernard Keyes and family of Valentine spent the weekend visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hansen and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mattson spent Sunday afternoon and evening visiting Mr. and Mrs. Chester Smith and daughter, Susan, at Neligh.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hutton entertained the YM club Saturday evening at their home. Cards furnished entertainment for the evening and the hostess served a lunch.

Mrs. Albert Reynolds spent Tuesday, January 27, in Lynch at the home of Mrs. Faye Courtney.

Mrs. Myrtle Youngs spent Saturday in Ewing visiting Mr. and Mrs. Art Kropp and family. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mossman returned Sunday from California and Oregon where they spent a few weeks visiting relatives and friends.

The Women's department of the RLDS church had regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon, January 27, at the home of Mrs. David Morsbach. Mrs. Lloyd Britnell and Mrs. Merle Sparks of O'Neill were guests. After the -yruq e pouad Aprns pue uossaj day anniversary party honoring Mrs. Sparks was enjoyed by the group. Lunch of birthday cake and ice cream was served by the hostess at the close of the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Britnell and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. David Morsbach and daughters attended a wedding anniversary surprise on Wednesday evening, January 28, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Sparks in O'Neill. Mr. and Mrs. Sparks have been married 20 years.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Clark went to Omaha on Monday evening where they met their son, Tom, who is on leave from the navy. Many from Inman attended.

ROYAL THEATER O'Neill

Thurs. Feb. 5

Family Night Judy Canova, Queen of the Cowgirls, in THE WAC FROM WALLA WALLA

With Stephen Dunne, George Cleveland, June Vincent, Irene Ryan, Roy Barcroft, Allen Jenking, and the Republic Rhythm Riders.

Family Night. \$1; Adult 50c; Children 12c; tax included

Fri.-Sat. Feb. 6-7

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the auto show in O'Neill Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. William Kelley jr., is employed at the St. Anthony's hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tomlinson of Omaha spent the weekend here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hansen and other relatives here and in O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hutton of Neligh spent Sunday visiting Mr. Hutton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Hutton.

Albert Reynolds went to Spencer Monday where he will be employed this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Conger, jr., and family of Omaha spent the weekend visiting in the home of Mr. Conger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Conger, sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morsbach and family of Neligh spent Sunday visiting Mrs. Charles Morsbach.

Harlan Morsbach, who is employed near Rapid City, S.D., spent the weekend visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Morsbach.

Tom Clark of the navy came Tuesday, January 27, to spend a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Clark. Tom has been going to school at Bainsbridge.

MONEY TO LOAN

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It will be a big, clean, lively show consisting of high-class vaudeville performers in person, and interesting motion pictures. There will be fun and entertainment for the whole family so bring everybody. No sales talks. Everything free. Your neighbors will be there so don't fail to attend.

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