

Prairieland Talk

Lights vs. Heavies in Classic

By ROMAIN SAUNDERS

LINCOLN—It was a cold day if the fellows preceding the present generation couldn't stir up some fun in O'Neill. The ball and bat were resorted to frequently.

At one time the heavyweights about town challenged the lightweight to cross bats with them. Here was the lineup: Heavyweights—R. J. Marsh, catcher; D. H. Cronin, pitcher; George Triggs on first, Frank Campbell on second and Jerry McCarthy, third base; T. V. Golden, shortstop; Steve McNichols, John Harrison and M. M. Sullivan, fielders. Lightweight—Jim Triggs, catcher; Joe Horiskey, pitcher; E. R. Adams on first, John Lewis on second and Joe Meredith on third base; Ed Eves, shortstop; Pat McManus, Walt Keeler and O. F. Biglin, fielders.



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The score showed 28 runs for the heavyweights, 29 for the lightweight. S. J. Weekes took the risk of umpiring the game.

A gent down at Clay Center has it figured out how to provide for his household and meet living costs half way. He has engaged in the business of making and marketing catfish bait. . . Governor Crosby doesn't get along too well with the legislature, and nobody could blame them if the county assessors of the state would resign in a body or go ahead on their own and ignore it all. . . Boys in a Catholic school in Omaha have organized groups to act as "traffic cops" and are helping out by directing traffic in congested districts of that city. . . Saw a young fellow from Texas on the street yesterday who had come to Nebraska to get cooled off, saying it was scorching hot down there. . . And a former Nebraskan, with his wife and two children, got a bit homesick up there in eastern Washington, and are here for a month's stay. . . The sport season got going for the Western league when Lincoln's baseball club known as Chiefs had their first game at Des Moines in mid-April.

North Platte voters elected a patriot for mayor who quoted his administrative reform movement by closing the synagogues of Satan about town, of which the city of the Platte was reputed to have plenty.

"This is not a way of life, in any true sense. Under the cloud of threatening war it is humanity hanging from an iron cross." President Eisenhower, in an eloquent plea for world order, employed the figure of a cross in a vividly moving word picture of the cost of war and war machines, pointing out what the millions that even one engine of destruction costs would build in homes and institutions of learning. Money that war costs can be replaced; but the blood and heartache and human misery are not computed in money. He calls upon the leaders taking over in Russia and those in red China to sheath the sword and show honest endeavor for peace, the human cry for a safe and sane way of life. It is either this or annihilation. The president's cross of iron is a reminder of William Jennings Bryan's cross of gold, and as that figure stood for a rallying cry of a political group in 1896 Mr. Eisenhower's cross of iron may be the call to save humanity from the abyss.

At one point in the political knock down and drag out in Holt county the opposition thought they had to do something to throw a wet blanket on the popularity of the author of the section homestead law. So they went after the individual with a fictitious charge of playing upon the heartstrings of a maiden lady of the community to the tune of breach of promise to marry. The lady involved, then in Council Bluffs, Ia., wrote to us of The Frontier denying that there had ever been any matrimonial designs on her on the part of the gent involved, and the Hon. Moses P. Kinkaid rested easy, carried every election and his popularity expanded.

Editorial

Its Don't Count in Korea

Many Americans are deriving more bitterness than joy from the exchange of prisoners in Korea. The cry of "appeasement" is raised again, and some citizens advocate the breaking off of any negotiations with the Reds.

It is entirely natural for people to be aroused by reports of cruelty. And certainly everything possible must be done to halt it and punish it. But it is also essential to consider what is possible—and to get all the facts and to put them in perspective. There are too many politicians and too many newspapers seeking to exploit public anger recklessly—even to halting the return of prisoners or needlessly enlarging the casualty lists.

Sharp indeed is the disappointment of relatives who had hoped for the return of a son, brother, or husband who has not been released. Certainly everything possible should be done by the United Nations command to make sure the Reds deliver all the sick and wounded prisoners they held. It was good news when the Reds agreed to release more prisoners. Surely every possibility of air transport for those difficult to move—of which the UN also holds some—should be explored.

However, it is not the relatives of prisoners who are most bitter — or most ready with demands for breaking off negotiations. It is citizens angered by red brutality and duplicity, annoyed by a sense of frustration and fully aware of the grim alternatives in Korea. Sometimes, too, they are simply reacting to partial, irresponsible reports, without getting an accurate picture of the situation.

For instance, anger over the small number of prisoners returned by the communists is lessened when it is realized that proportionate to the totals held the Reds are returning more than the UN. So, too, with the stories of brutality and neglect. Nothing of the kind should be excused. But it must be remembered that these prisoners would not be coming home now had not the Reds cared for them at some cost and trouble to themselves. Apparently, as a rule such care matched that given by the Chinese to their own soldiers.

Even the reported "death march" took place under battle conditions and in an area where Chinese standards of food, transport, and care governed. If the prisoners could have been left near the front—if American planes had not been strafing columns moving in daylight and cutting down down supplies—if the standards of food, transport, and care to which American soldiers are accustomed had been available, the new wave of hatred against the Chinese would make more sense.

If the UN could enforce a demand for a Red Cross inspection of communist prison camps—if the UN could require a full accounting of all the missing men—if all who have been responsible for brutality or neglect could be punished—

I walked today along a lonely path that led me to a secluded glen. Concrete weaved feet touched the almost sacred soil of Mother Earth and high overhead slender bars of clouds floated like the planes of men in the sea of golden sunlight. From the earth I look out into the depth of that silent sea and for a moment partake of the enchantment of eternity. Trees that border the glade into which I have wandered reach aspiring arms upward as if to dip into that sea of light. Birds awing dart heavenward to revel in the sunlight and come again to earth to build their homes. Insect life had begun to stir after months of lying dormant. Ants, the great builders, were at work; they make no noise about it but do things. Bees, mosquitoes and other little animated things let us know of their activities. An hour out where nature speaks to the soul, care and life's worries flee away as though they had never been.

The ladies have taken over the work of assessing the householders of Lincoln, going from door-to-door with their pads of schedules. One of them got around to my son's home a few minutes before bed time last night, jotted down ages, possessions and bank balance but not interested in bills due and payable.

If you heard the music ringing, not in the bright celestial dome, but from out across the country a day recently, that was when a couple thousand musically minded high school kids got together down at Wayne and let go on the tunes of the day. . . Lincoln barbers have some song birds, organized into quartets and hooked up with a national organization of vocal performers. Among the tonsorial artists John Smoot was 60 years too soon as an O'Neill barber. . . Two thousand Burlington railroad workers in the Lincoln area have taken a cut of three cents an hour in pay, action based on government figures on today's living costs. . . Searching for the thing to stop the ravages of polio has cost to date \$18,000,000. . . Surviving disciples of the late George Norris are putting on a memorial banquet next month in Omaha, Senator Morse, the insurgent from Oregon being announced as the speaker. . . Weather forecast was for "nearly normal." Next day—70-mile wind.

As quoted by a writer in the Nebraska History magazine, E. S. Newman, who was living in retirement in El Paso, Tex., after having operated cattle ranches in Texas, Wyoming, Nebraska and Montana, was visited by Bill Miller of Burwell, a one-time trail rider for the Newman outfit, who says: "I asked him if he ever found any range that would equal the sandhills of Nebraska and he said no." F. M. Widner, one of the big operators in the cattle business in Holt county 40 years ago, said the reason the sandhills country was ideal for cattle ranches is the fact that it furnishes both summer and winter feed.

Congressman Miller has suggested to those interested that they form a legal Niobrara irrigation district. Despite nature to raise a few more spuds for Uncle Sam to dump into the seas!

Taxation of church property is agitated in some states. Exempting religious interests from the tax rolls is of ancient origin. It was about the year 500 B.C., that the then world sovereign, Artaxerxes, who styled himself "king of kings," from his throne in old Babylon promulgated this decree when the Hebrews were returning to their homeland after 70 years in exile: "That touching any of the priests and Levites, singers, porters, Nethinims or ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose toll, tribute or custom upon them."

With one negative vote, the Lincoln city council has gone back to the blue laws age. An ordinance closing business places on Sunday has become law. That certain exemptions are provided for makes any reference to religious sentiment look ridiculous. It springs from business interests that want a day off and they don't want others in their line of business to pick up a few dollars while they close up.

When You and I Were Young . . .

Skeletons Found, Murders Solved

Remains Identified by Friends

At annual meeting of the O'Neill fire department, the following officers were elected: C. C. Reka, president; Merritt Martin, secretary; and James Davidson, chief. . . Joe Ryan left for Hot Springs, S.D., to spend a two-weeks' vacation. . . An unknown exchange says "e" is the most unfortunate letter in the English alphabet because it is never in cash, always in debt and never out of trouble. . . The mystery surrounding the sudden disappearance of "Old Man" Hill and son, Charles, in 1936, was undoubtedly solved yesterday, as far as the son, Charles, is concerned, when Charles Daily plowed up a skeleton on his farm located on the south bank of the Niobrara river in Holt county. The remains had been buried face down, evidently in a big hurry, and they were identified by people who had known him in life. It has always been understood that the Holt county vigilantes made away with the Hills, but up until now no trace of them was ever discovered and it was the general supposition that the vigilantes hung them first and then sank their bodies in the quicksand of the Niobrara.

The Holt county baseball league organized with John J. Harrington elected as president and W. J. Holliday of Stuart as secretary and treasurer. The admission fee to all games was fixed at 25 cents. . . Thomas J. Smith, who edited the first newspaper published in the city and Holt county, the Holt Record, died at the home of his daughter at McCook at the age of 87 years. . . Charles Hancock and Miss Mable Buxton eloped on April 1 at Lake Andes, S.D. . . Clarence Bergstrom returned from Sioux City where he submitted to an operation recently. . . Walt Stein, Fred Saunto and Howard Bauman went to South Bend, Ind., to bring back some new cars.

Pfc. Henry Reimer of the air base at Kingman, Ariz., spent a 15-day furlough with his parents, Judge and Mrs. Louis Reimer. . . Sam Lofquest and Lois Siders, the 4-H club winners, received awards at the Sioux City Stock Yards company and Crete Mills and were paid \$12 in war stamps. . . Mrs. Ben Asher left for Neosho, Mo., where she will join her husband at Camp Crowder. . . Miss Lois McKenzie, a student nurse at St. Vincent's hospital, Sioux City, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McKenzie, sr. . . Miss Dorothy Christensen and Guy Pinkerman were married on April 24. . . At a special meeting of the city council, purchased \$25,000 worth of war bonds as an investment for the city.

O'Neill purchased a new fire truck for \$15,000. . . Four Boy Scouts were advanced to star Scouts. They are Daniel Putnam, Frank Fretow, Roger Niemeyer and Ivan Kaiser. . . Ninety-six rural teachers met at the O'Neill public school for a workshop session. . . Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gonderinger became parents of a son, Charles Norman, born on April 26. . . The Carl Asimus "goat farm" is open to visitors on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Everitt are the present occupants.

District Judge D. R. Mounts and Ted McElhane went to Pawnee City Sunday morning where they are holding court this week.

ROYAL THEATER

Fri.-Sat. May 1-2 Randolph Scott America's Favorite Adventure Star in His Biggest Adventure of All! AS THE MAN BEHIND THE GUN From Warner Bros. with all its surging excitement! Also star starring Patrice Wymore, Dick Wesson, Philip Carey, Lina Romay. Adult 50c; children 12c; tax incl. Matinee Sat. 2:30. Children under 12 free when accompanied by parents.

Sun.-Mon.-Tues. May 3-4-5 Sir Walter Scott's IVANHOE Color by technicolor. Starring Robert Taylor, Elizabeth Taylor, Joan Fontaine, Emyln Williams, George Sanders. Adult 50c; children 12c; tax incl. Matinee Sun. 2:30. Children under 12 free when accompanied by parents.

Wed.-Thurs. May 6-7 FEARLESS FAGAN Janet Leigh, Carleton Carpenter, Keenan Wynn and introducing Robert Fagan (the famous lion himself). Family night \$1.00; adult 50c; children 12c; tax incl.

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Farewell Tea for Mrs. Esther Atkinson—

CHAMBERS—The Beautiful Valley Garden club held a surprise tea and a handkerchief shower Saturday, April 25, in honor of Mrs. Esther Atkinson at the home of Mrs. C. E. Tibbets. Upon her arrival at a "special meeting" as she had been told, Mrs. Atkinson was completely surprised when she was presented with a handsome jonquil corsage by the club president, Mrs. Bernice Platt.

After an entertaining "quiz" program conducted by Mrs. Ardyth Robertson and Mrs. Jean Hoffman, little Donis Hoffman entered with a small, open, blue silk umbrella, which she presented to the club. . . The lesson for the evening was given by Mrs. Ressel and Mrs. Lee Brady, jr. We learned a great deal about soaps, detergents, bleaches and water softeners.

Mrs. Ross served a lunch of barbecued sandwiches, potato chips, relishes and coffee.—By Mrs. Neil Dawes.

REJOINS PENNEYS Quentin Cavanaugh has returned to the J. C. Penney organization after two years in the army. He resumed his work Monday at the store here. Later he will be assigned to a Penney store elsewhere. . . Meanwhile, Herman Janzing, assistant manager here, Monday began a week's vacation.

MONEY TO LOAN ON AUTOMOBILES TRUCKS TRACTORS EQUIPMENT FURNITURE Central Finance Corp. C. E. Jones, Manager O'Neill, Nebraska

O'NEILL DRIVE IN

Drive-in movie listings: Fri.-Sat. May 1-2 "Wagons West" Added Shorts; Sun.-Mon. May 3-4 "Back at the Front" Willie and Joe with an all star cast; Tues.-Wed. May 5-6 "Island of Desire" A South Sea adventure story in color. Added Shorts; Thursday May 7 "Scarlet Angel" Yvonne DeCarlo and Rock Hudson A ravishing riot of fun in New Orleans, in color. Added Shorts

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McKee Now Aboard Flagship—

ATKINSON—Recently reported aboard the amphibious force flagship USS Mount McKinley was Navy Lt. Neal S. McKee, son of Dr. and Mrs. N. P. McKee of Atkinson. He was formerly commanding officer of the USS medium landing ship number 282, and later executive officer of the USS medium rocket landing ship number 405 before reporting to the USS Mount McKinley. Lieutenant McKee attended the Atkinson high school and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

The Mount McKinley recently returned here after an 11 month tour of duty in the Far East. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Knight and Mr. and Mrs. Forz Knight were Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Loukota at Gross.

Arrives from Missouri—

Earl Reed of Branson, Mo., spent several days here on business and visited relatives.

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Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes \$440,000.00 State of Nebraska, County of Holt, ss: I, J. B. Grady, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. J. B. GRADY, Cashier