

Prairieland Talk

Womanhood Would Cease Wars

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN—Museums are interesting places. The Nebraska Historical society maintains a museum that is visited annually by thousands from other states and many from foreign lands.



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The museum will eventually be moved from the statehouse to the society's new building now nearing completion. The state university also maintains an extensive exhibit that includes animal life past and present.

Of the 43,906 individuals visiting the Historical society's museum last year 26,312 were Nebraskans, Doctor Olson, secretary of the society, reports. A visit to Lincoln is not complete unless the museums are visited.

Within a few days American motherhood will receive special honors. Nothing is too good — shall we rather say good enough — for our mothers, and in a large measure to womanhood, many who have not been privileged to wear the crown of mother.

Claire McVay of O'Neill, an official of the Hereford Breeders' association, presided at a meeting in Ord attended by Hereford breeders from North Nebraska counties when arrangements were put in motion looking to a tour in August of farms and ranches where the fancy bovines are groomed and their red and white hairy coats given permanents.

Prairieland is aglow this morning. Green beneath, blue above with sunlight out of the mysterious depths of the universe bathing the land in warmth and light. Trees adorned in green silken gowns and buds ready to burst to decorate the landscape with fragrant floral bloom.

Clocks and watches up at Valentine will tick off standard time since May 1, the community having abandoned mountain and daylight saving time.

Editorial

City to Lose Good Superintendent

At Tuesday evening's city council meeting a regrettable incident occurred.

City Supt. L. A. Anderson, who has held his post since June 1, 1950, tendered his resignation.

The Frontier has felt that the creation of the post of city superintendent was a sound move and that Mr. Anderson, the first to hold the appointive office, has done a good, capable job.

Mr. Anderson told the council he had rejected several city management proposals during the past year, but he liked O'Neill very much and would be willing to stay on here except for an attractive offer from a different field.

Under the leadership of the newly-elected Mayor J. E. Davis, the council was casting about for a so-called city superintendent during the early months of 1950. There were a number of candidates for the post but Mr. Anderson's qualifications and personality best filled the description of the type man the council wanted.

Mr. Anderson will be the first to admit he has not succeeded in pleasing everyone. But the Frontier sincerely believes he has made a sincere and conscientious effort to please the most and, at the same time, look after the best interests of the city.

He has had five employees working under him looking after streets, water and sewage. They are Howard Newton, Ralph Scofield, Robert Cook and Arthur Holz. In addition, Lloyd Brittell is in charge of the city dump.

For a growing city of this size and the inherent problems of the past, this force is modest indeed. This in considering a pronounced lack of hardsurfaced streets, a 1913-style municipal water and sewage system (until extensions and improvements were made in late years), an inadequate drainage system, and a constant demand for extended services because of the steady growth of the town.

Frankly, O'Neill had its headaches when Mr. Anderson came to town, and still has many of them.

Being a councilman was a very distasteful, thankless job prior to his coming and it still has many shortcomings. But O'Neill residents gradually have been coming around to the proposition that they should harass their mayor and councilmen less and instead take up their day-to-day problems with the city superintendent. The token-paid councilmen, all of whom have business matters of their own to occupy their time, should not be expected to devote personal time to grievances of every Tom, Dick and Harry except at regularly constituted council meetings. On those occasions the council, it seems to us, has been very generous with time and always lends a considerate ear.

Since Mr. Anderson's arrival in town the city has extended its own water and sewer lines without costly outside contracting. Streets have been swept and cleaned quite regularly and side streets have been graveled and "bladed" with

Editor J. Emil Hauge, the one-man force of the Meadow Grove News, has taken on another job. At the recent annual meeting of the Nebraska Press association, he was elected president of the association for the current year. . . . During a dairy cow exhibit at Battleboro, Vt., under the auspices of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, two Nebraska exhibits won honors, a state university cow and a bull owned by R. W. Koehler of Fremont. . . . A group of 32 ladies from Kansas, interested in home affairs, visited Lincoln and other Nebraska communities recently to see what their neighboring state has of interest. . . . Lexington puts on a celebration on June 4, when the first stranger that shows up will be lassoed and taken in tow as the community's guest for the day, after being togged out in chaps and sombrero. . . . A little spot of earth where once stood tepees of the Pawnee sold in Lincoln recently for \$30,000, bare ground, no buildings.

Now comes that insurgent senator from Oregon to claim the belt for the longest speech in the United States senate. Senator Morse talked for 22 hours and a half. I think a Nebraskan could beat him. Senator William V. Allen who held a seat in the senate in the nineties talked for a week about "flat money" and made the wise guys of the East who had winked at each other when Allen arose sit up and take notice.

If you have enough to eat, communism will have no appeal. The populist movement of the nineties was the American brand of communism and developed on empty stomachs and empty pockets, but when William McKinley and the full dinner pail got into the national picture populists lost their identity by fusing with democrats and then died. If the march of the reds is to be halted in the sweep across Asia the 75 percent of the people in those crowded lands who have never had a square meal must be fed. Out of those lands arises the human cry of hunger and desperate people turn to anything that seems to hold a promise of hope. Will free peoples step in with a program to relieve the masses or let the reds have it?

April departed this life one week ago, after running true to form for 30 days, and no tearsdrops have fallen. Rain and wind, frosts and the chill of gloomy days; then the burst of sunshine and the mellow warmth of a bright day, ushered in at the pink glow of dawn as the sun begins the daily march across the prairieland sky and drops behind the Rocky mountains at evening in gold and purple-tinted glory. Today we are a week along another leaf on the calendar. April and May are allotted to prairieland to tone up the earth to produce the wealth of another season. So here we go to see "What Will the Harvest Be?"

The continent of Africa has been not only the hangout of savage races of men and sharp-clawed beasts and pestiferous insects but it has a species of the latter that will devour an elephant. Certain ants that are carnivorous inhabit sections of the country. A missionary couple had gone to the village one evening leaving their two little children at home asleep. When the parents returned they found only the skeletons of their children. Ants had eaten them, according to the story of a speaker I recently heard. No father or mother even as a messenger of the cross is called upon to make such sacrifices.

Why this half-way business in the exchange of war prisoners in Korea? Exchange of prisoners if made in good faith would mean thorough evacuation of prison camps. And will life ever be the same again to those men released after many months in the hands of the enemy? Let us hope that out of the embers of embittered years our brave soldiers will catch a vision that will lead to a new highway of life and point to a worthy destiny.

some systematic attention—even though at times it may not appear that way. Snow removal has been undertaken promptly and with vigor, drainage problems have been met in a practical way with limited funds for that purpose. The city dump today—neat, orderly and well-fenced—is not an eyesore at all. These things have taken time.

We'll venture Mr. Anderson has saved the city several times his salary in the water and sewer extension field alone.

Mayor Davis has said he regrets losing Mr. Anderson and the council, with little exception, is squarely behind him.

There have been a few critics of the creation of the city superintendent's job and a few critics of the council's initial choice. But The Frontier wishes to commend both the council on its choice and Mr. Anderson on a three-year job well done.

Mr. Anderson is confident of O'Neill's future. He points out that it has its headaches, as all municipalities do. He thinks O'Neill's strategic location holds a bright future. He points to diversified farming on one hand and ranching on the other, three U.S. highways, two railroads, a first-class power center, prospects of irrigation, fine churches and schools, a first-class hospital, a fine proposed swimming pool and park, and an ever-expanding trade territory as great assets.

Mr. Anderson sincerely believes that maintenance of unimproved streets is considerably more costly over the years than paved streets. And that is a competent observation that might well be taken to heart by taxpayers.

We wish Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Anderson well in their new location.

But we'd rather they stayed on in O'Neill.

C. R. Kite, who lived in the Atkinson community when a boy, died April 25 in Lincoln at the age of 80 years.

Anyhow the O'Neill kids are happy with the first hurdle cleared toward a good swimming pool.

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When You and I Were Young . . .

Fast Long Pine-

Norfolk Train Now

No Stops at Emmet or Stafford

50 Years Ago At a meeting of the mayor and city council, the saloon license was fixed at \$1,200 per year. . . . Beginning May 10, the North Western will put on a new daily passenger train between Long Pine and Norfolk.

20 Years Ago R. W. Carroll was reelected superintendent at the O'Neill public school for the next school term with a salary of \$2,250. . . . John Protivinsky moved his grocery store to the McManus building on South Fourth street. . . . The members of the bar of the Fifteenth judicial district gave a complimentary banquet at the Golden Hotel for Judge James A. Donohoe. . . . Glenn Irvin Spindler and Miss Roberta Dorothy Brittell were married May 1 by Rev. F. J. Aucock. . . . The employees of the city tendered a banquet to Mayor Skout and the members of the council at the Grand cafe after the council meeting Tuesday evening.

10 Years Ago A huge audience gathered in the dining room of the Golden hotel and were hosts to Governor Griswold, Walter Roberts, state director of civilian activities, and Mr. Carter, state fire warden. . . . It was announced by the office of price administration that each family unit will be allowed 20 pounds of sugar for each member of the family for canning, fruits and vegetables and five pounds of sugar per person for the preserving of jams and jellies. . . . Ben Grady was appointed city clerk for the next fiscal year. . . . Pvt. Lyle Eppenbach is spending a furlough here with his family. . . . Ted McKenzie, USN, is home on leave.

One Year Ago Rev. V. R. Bell, pastor of the Methodist church, retired from the ministerial profession due to a heart ailment. . . . Victor Halva related the story of being aboard the Titanic when it sank 40 years ago. . . . Airman Wallace Shellhammer completed his basic training at Lackland air force base at San Antonio, Tex. . . . Miss Shirley Leahy was chosen valedictorian of St. Mary's academy. . . . The king and queen of the O'Neill junior and senior banquet and prom were Bruce McElhaney and Miss Hazel Marie Johnson.

Happy Helpers Plant a Tree—The Happy Helpers 4-H club met at the home of Edythe Grimes on Saturday, April 18. The meeting was called to order by the president and the roll call was answered by naming different kinds of fruits grown in Nebraska. A song contest was held and all members participated by naming as many songs as they knew that were played.

All members were present. The meal planning girls had their lesson on making frosting which we used to frost two angel food cakes. The let's cook girls had their lesson on making ambrosia. They each made it. Games were played following the meeting and then Mrs. Grimes served us a lunch. The next meeting was Friday, April 24, at Gloria Osborne's home. We planted a tree that day at the fair grounds. A winner roast was held—By Dorine Glead, news reporter.

Reports for Duty at Air Station—Recently reported to the U.S. naval air station at Memphis, Tenn., for duty was Raymond E. Murphy, commissaryman second class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Murphy of O'Neill. Murphy, who entered the naval service in October, 1948, received his recruit training at the U.S. naval training center at San Diego, Calif.

State Lowest in Road Building Plans—Only two other states are contemplating less than \$10,000,000 in 1953 highway construction contracts, according to the tabulation, and they are: Rhode Island, with \$8,000,000, and New Hampshire with \$9,014,000. Pennsylvania reports plans for the greatest expansion construction-wise—that of a \$131,047,000 road building program during 1953.

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But what about the states west of the Mississippi river—in Nebraska's area? There are 14 states, including Nebraska, grouped in this category.

It is interesting to note that all of the states west of the Mississippi river have plans for road construction contracts far in excess of Nebraska.

This is what they contemplate, together with their 1952 contract performance: Minnesota—\$33,000,000 planned in 1953, same put under contract in 1952.

Iowa—\$18,000,000 planned in 1953, \$36,774,000 put under contract in 1952 (the Iowa legislature since has enacted a 1-cent increase in the state gasoline tax, which would make a difference in the first figure).

Missouri—\$50,000,000 planned in 1953, \$35,774,000 put under contract in 1952.

Arkansas—\$20,000,000 planned in 1953, \$19,200,000 put under contract in 1952.

North Dakota — \$11,000,000 planned in 1953, \$10,800,000 put under contract in 1952.

South Dakota — \$14,500,000 planned in 1953, \$12,313,000 put under contract in 1952.

Kansas — \$32,000,000 planned in 1953, \$30,712,000 put under contract in 1952.

Oklahoma—\$44,658,000 planned in 1953, \$35,080,000 put under contract in 1952.

Texas — \$106,000,000 planned in 1953, \$102,000,000 put under contract in 1952.

Montana—\$11,884,000 planned in 1953, \$10,511,000 put under contract in 1952.

Wyoming—\$11,500,000 planned in 1953, \$9,500,000 put under contract in 1952.

Colorado—\$26,000,000 planned

in 1953, \$21,000,000 put under contract in 1952.

New Mexico — \$16,500,000 planned in 1953, \$14,500,000 put under contract in 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Janes of Bakersfield, Calif., are guests of her mother, Mrs. Margaret Stannard. Mr. and Mrs. Janes are enroute home from a trip to Florida and through the southern states. Mrs. Janes is the former Miss Mary Stannard.

The Presbyterian rummage sale will be held May 7, 8 and 9 in a building 1/2 block north of the First National bank. Fresh supply of good clothing, household articles, linens, etc. 52-1c

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